



Reference: FOI0543

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding Looked After Children (also referred to as LAC, children in care, or children looked after by a local authority)

Please kindly include responses on the attached spreadsheet.

1. Please could you supply the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for Looked After Children and/or placements in children's care homes.

For questions 2 through 9, please supply the following information for the financial years 2014/15 to 2017/18, and where possible, the budget or most up to date snapshot available for 2018/19.

2. Please provide the total number of children looked after by the local authority.

3. Please provide the local authority's total expenditure on placements for looked after children (q.2).

4. Of the total number of children looked after by the local authority (q.2) please provide the number of placements in children's homes (not including secure units or hostels).

5. Please provide the local authority's expenditure on looked after children's placements in children's homes (q.4).

6. Of the number of children looked after by the local authority in children's homes (q.4) please provide the number placed inside the local authority boundary (in area) and the number placed outside the local authority boundary (out of area).

7. Please provide the local authority's expenditure on placements for children looked after by the local authority in children's homes inside the local authority boundary and in children's homes outside the local authority boundary (q.6).

8. Please provide the number of children looked after by the local authority in:

- In placements inside the local authority boundary, in 'own provision' children's homes (children's homes operated by the local authority)
- In placements outside the local authority boundary, in 'own provision' children's homes (children's homes operated by the local authority)
- In placements inside the local authority boundary, in 'private provision' children's homes (children's homes operated by the independent sector)
- In placements outside the local authority boundary, in 'private provision' children's homes (children's homes operated by the independent sector)

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9. Please provide the local authority's expenditure on placements for looked after children in:

- In placements inside the local authority boundary, in 'own provision' children's homes (children's homes operated by the local authority)
- In placements outside the local authority boundary, in 'own provision' children's homes (children's homes operated by the local authority)
- In placements inside the local authority boundary, in 'private provision' children's homes (children's homes operated by the independent sector)
- In placements outside the local authority boundary, in 'private provision' children's homes (children's homes operated by the independent sector)

Response:

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The financial information is published by the Council in its Section 251 returns and can be accessed via the link below.

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/455/council-finances>

All other information is answered in the attached spreadsheet