

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_20200025**
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Department: **Hertfordshire County Council (Not Hertsmere Borough Council)**
Title: **Children in care**
Description: **Details of the accommodation and arrangements for looked after children from 2016-2019.**

Request: *(As Redacted sent by requestor)*

To whom it may concern,

Subject: Children in care

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Please tell me:

1) How many registered children's homes are operating in the local authority, including private, voluntary and local authority-run homes. Please provide data for each of the last three financial years (2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19).

2) How many children's homes places are available in the local authority area for looked-after children – and how many places go unused

a) each month

b) annually

Please provide data where possible for each of the last 3 financial years. (2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19)

3) How many looked-after children were placed by the local authority into temporary accommodation during the year in each year of the last three financial years. (2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19)

a) Where possible also provide the accommodation used – for example, B&Bs, caravans, hostels, barges etc.

b) Where possible please also provide the duration children spent in these placements in days.

4) How many looked-after children were placed by the local authority in registered children's homes (K2 accommodation) during the year in each of the last 3 financial years. Of those children how many:

a) were placed into accommodation within the authority area

b) were placed into accommodation outside of the authority area

i. For those children placed out of area please provide information on the distances children were placed in miles. For example numbers of children placed 0-10 miles, 11-20 miles, 21-30 miles, 31-40, 41-50 miles, 51-100miles, 100+ miles.

5) How many looked-after children were placed into unregulated children's homes accommodation and/or semi-independent children's homes not subject to children's homes regulation (H5 accommodation) during the year in each of the past three financial years.

a. Where possible please provide the ages of children at the time of placement in the following

i. Under 16

ii. 16-17

iii. 18

As you know, under the act you are required to provide a response within 20 days. Please send your response to this email address only.

If you do not provide the information requested, you must explain the legal basis for the information being withheld. If you decline part of the request due to information being sensitive, the request being too vague, or reasonable cost being exceeded, you must still provide the part you can fulfill. Please do not hesitate to contact me if these questions /any parts of these questions require further explanation or I can assist in any way.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks,

<REDACTED> Producer

Response: *(Response as Redacted sent by service)*

Thank you for your query.

Hertfordshire is a two tier area and this service is not provided at a district level but by the County Council.

Therefore, please refer your FOI request to Hertfordshire County Council who will be able to help you.

Kind regards
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