

**From:** Freedom of Information Requests  
**Sent:** 13 May 2025 16:38  
**To:**  
**Subject:** FOI Response

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 14 April 2025 for information about Children's Social Care and Independent Special Schools costs. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

1) Please provide the highest annual amount paid in the 2024/25 financial year for an individual child's placement in either children's homes, unregulated homes, or residential special schools? Please state the nature of the placement e.g. children's home. Please provide the total annual cost if the child has been placed in multiple placements. Please include all costs including all care and education costs, per child placement.

Response: £810,750.00. This was for an Ofsted registered children's home.

2) Please provide the highest weekly amount paid in the 2024/25 financial year for individual child's placement in either children's homes, unregulated homes or residential special schools? Please state the nature of the placement e.g. children's home. Please include all costs including all care and education costs, per child placement.

Response: £17,250.00

3) Please provide the highest annual amount paid in the 2024/25 financial year for an individual child's placement in independent special schools. Please provide the total annual cost if the child has been placed in multiple schools during the financial year.

Response: £89,540.88

I hope that this information is useful to you.

The City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £49 to respond to this request for information.

#### **Reviewing any decisions made:**

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email [FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk)

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours faithfully,

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