

**From:** Freedom of Information Requests

**Sent:** 30 July 2025 16:02

**To:**

**Subject:** FOI Response -

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 10 July 2025 for information about Adult Mental Health Residential Placements & SEND School Demand. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

**A. Adult Mental Health Residential Placements**

1. The total number of adults with diagnosed mental health conditions currently placed by your council in residential or specialist care homes (both in and outside the local authority area).

Response: 62

2. The number of new adult mental health residential placements made in the last 12 months.

Response: 12

3. Any reported capacity issues or unmet demand for adult mental health residential placements.

Response: This information is not held.

4. The number of residential care providers your council currently works with for adult mental health placements.

Response: 42

5. Any available needs assessments, market position statements, or future demand forecasts for mental health residential care over the next 12–24 months.

Response: [Doncaster's Adult Social Care Market Position Statement - City of Doncaster Council](#).

**B. Demand for SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Placements**

1. The number of children currently placed in special schools or units for moderate to severe learning disabilities (including autism, ADHD, etc.) by your council.

Response: 856

2. The number of new SEND school placements made in the past 12 months.

Response: 170

3. Any unmet demand or waiting list figures for SEND school placements or specialist learning units in your area.

4. Whether the council forecasts a rise in demand for SEND school places over the next 12–24 months.

Response: Current projections as part of the Council's Sufficiency Strategy are forecasting a shortfall in specialist placements on 291 by 2028/29. Current shortfall of specialist placements (25/26) is projected at 63.

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)

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Yours faithfully,

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