

From: Freedom of Information Requests

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To:

Subject: FOI Response

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 24 July 2025 for information about Children's social care provision. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

1: The number of children in children's homes and, if possible, the total number of weeks combined for all of these children over the year.

Response: 66 Children in 67 placements and this totalled 971 weeks

2: The total cost spent on children's homes over the year.

Response:

External provision 2024/25 total spend = £15.825m

Internal Provision 2024/25 total spend = £4.646m

3: The average cost of children's homes per child per week.

Response: £7,626.63 per week

4: The number of children and average cost per child per week in homes provided by:

i. the private sector.

Response: 48 Young people in external home, average cost £7,626.63 per week

ii. the local authority.

Response: 19 Young People in internal homes, average cost £4,689.79 per week

5: The number of children in care over the year.

Response: During the period 01/01/2025 to 30/04/2025 we had 563 children in care

6: The number of 16-17 year olds in supported living/accommodation in each of the four categories:-

- category 1: supported accommodation in a self-contained unit, where the accommodation is for the sole use of the child or for the child and other individuals living with the child
- category 2: supported accommodation in a shared- or group-living situation in premises used to accommodate only looked-after children and care leavers
- category 3: supported accommodation in a shared- or group-living situation in premises that are not limited to accommodating looked-after children and care leavers
- category 4: supported accommodation provided by an individual or individuals in a private residence

Response: We are unable to provide by these categories however can provide the following - 48 young people in supported accommodation, 42 young people in supported tenancy provisions

7: The average cost per child per week of support living/accommodation

Response: £1,861.00 per week

8: The number of children in unregulated placements:

i) aged under 16

ii) 16 and 17 years old

Response: 5

I hope that this information is useful to you.

The City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £98 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

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Yours faithfully,

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