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The total number of referrals to Children's Services per year each year for the last five years

Year	Referrals – Distinct Contact
2021	12313
2022	14591
2023	15642
2024	11903
2025	11056

The total budget allocated to Children's services (by calendar year or financial year, whichever is easier) each year for the last five years

Year	Amount
2020–21	£77.075m
2021–22	£80.277m
2022–23	£84.686m
2023–24	£89.063m
2024–25	£89.788m

The total cost of employing agency (temporary / non-staff) social workers per year each year for the last five years

Historically within Edinburgh, Children's Services prior to 2022 did not employ agency social workers. *At the end of 2022, for a period of around 12 months, a temporary project team which included social workers was in place. Unfortunately, due to the way costs were invoiced, we are unable to separate the costs for individual social workers as part of the project which also had supervisory and management posts but have included these in the figures below as all staff were social work qualified and procured through an agency.

Year	Amount
2020/21	zero
2021/22	zero
2022/23	£278,000
2023/24	£1,137,000
2024/25	£134,000

Total expenditure on housing children and young adults in non-local authority (ie. privately run) children's homes per year each year for the last five years, and the average cost per child per annum for such placements in each year for the last five years -

Due to recording complexities on our current case management system, the data provided cannot be broken down as requested solely for 'children's homes'. The actual costs provided comprise a mix of provisions including residential schools and care home settings across a

range of providers and wide range of age groups, including 18–21-year-olds. The financial cost of these provisions and 18+ group is not recorded separately.

Year	Costs
2020-21	£11.2m
2021-22	£13.3m
2022-23	£16.4m
2023-24	£16.2m
2024-25	£14.1m

Given the variety of provisions and range of needs included in the spend provided, in addition to the above reason, we are unable to provide a meaningful average cost per child per annum without a manual check of each placement on our case management system.