

Looked After Children FOI - Answers

Local Authority:

City of Edinburgh Council

Date:

26/03/2026

1. Please could you supply the name, job title, telephone number and email address of the commissioner with responsibility for Looked After Children and/or placements in children's homes	Name	Job title	Telephone number	Email address
No one person is responsible for commission across Edinburgh's Children's Services, we have provided the generic mailbox address for this area.				CF.Commissioning@edinburgh.gov.uk

2. Of the number of children looked after by the local authority on 31 March, please provide the number in regulated children's homes (excluding unregulated children's homes, secure units and hostels)	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
In regulated children's homes	96	99	82	82

3. Of the number of children looked after by the local authority on 31 March in regulated children's homes (Q2), please provide the number placed inside the local authority boundary (in-area) and the number placed outside the local authority boundary (out-of-area)	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
In in-area regulated children's homes	61	63	53	49
In out-of-area regulated children's homes	35	36	29	33

4. Of the number of children looked after by the local authority on 31 March in regulated children's homes, please provide the number in:	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
(a) In-area regulated children's homes operated by the local authority	48	49	41	35
(b) Out-of-area regulated children's homes operated by the local authority	0	0	0	0
(c) In-area regulated children's homes operated by the private/voluntary sector	13	14	11	14
(d) Out-of-area regulated children's homes operated by the private/voluntary sector	35	36	29	33

5. Please provide the local authority's total expenditure on placements for Looked After Children in regulated children's homes during the financial year ending 31 March. Expenditure should exclude expenses related to travel, social work visits, travel arrangements/accommodation for contact visits from relatives/guardians, and non-staff transport costs	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Total annual expenditure on placing Looked After Children in children's homes	£25.7m	£27.5m	£25.7m	N/A
** Please see additional information regarding the breakdown within the response.				

6. For the current financial year ending 31 March 2026 or as recent as possible (provide date), please provide the highest, average (mean), and lowest weekly fees currently paid by the local authority for placements for Looked After Children in regulated children's homes. Please include data across all placements in regulated children's homes, independent of the placement management framework in which the placement is made	Lowest weekly fee	Average (mean) weekly fee	Highest weekly fee	See information in response.
2025/26 or as recent as possible (provide date)				

7. Please provide the total number of children (children looked after and children in need) accessing short-break-only children's homes on 31 March	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
In short-break-only children's homes	258	244	240	229