

## 60897 Children's Placement Demand and Costs

Please provide the following information for the financial years 2023/24, 2024/25, and 2025/26 (year to date).

### Current Placement Demand and Sufficiency

Please provide, where recorded:

The number of children and young people currently requiring placement in:

Children's residential homes

Supported accommodation (including 16–17 year olds)

Residential family assessment placements

The number of children and young people currently awaiting placement or awaiting a suitable placement

The number of children currently placed outside the local authority area

The number of placements made on an emergency or same-day basis

	2023 – 2024	2024 – 2025	2025 - 2026
Current Placement Demand and Sufficiency  Children's residential homes	N/A	N/A	57
Current Placement Demand and Sufficiency  Supported Accommodation (including 16-17 year olds)	N/A	N/A	Communities- 8 Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children -111
The number of children and young people currently awaiting placement or awaiting a suitable placement	N/A	N/A	Communities - 0 Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children -18
The number of children currently placed outside the local authority area	N/A	N/A	41

The number of placements made on an emergency or same day basis	N/A	N/A	7
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### Placement Type and Regulatory Status

Please provide, where recorded:

The number of children placed in:

Registered children's homes

Settings not registered with Ofsted as children's homes where such registration would ordinarily be required

The number of children placed in supported accommodation (16–17 year olds)

Where recorded, the number of those placements with providers that are:

Registered under the supported accommodation framework

Not registered under the supported accommodation framework

We do not place children and young people with unregistered providers.

	2023 – 2024	2024 – 2025	2025 – 2026
Children's residential homes	112	99	105
Supported Accommodation	59	64	119
Number of placements with providers that are registered under the supported accommodation framework	0	0	0
Registered under the Supported Accommodation Framework	0	0	0
Not registered under the Supported Accommodation Framework	59	64	119

## Placement Activity

Please provide the total number of placements commissioned in each year, broken down by:

Children's residential homes

Supported accommodation

Residential family assessment placements

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Children's Residential Homes	115	111	113
Supported Accommodation	59	64	137

## Placement Costs

Please provide, where recorded, the average weekly cost for:

Children's residential placements

Supported accommodation

Residential family assessment placements

Solo placements

Placements with 2:1 staffing support

Solo placements with at least 2:1 staffing support

Placements with enhanced or higher staffing ratios (for example 3:1 or above)

	2023 – 2024	2024 – 2025	2025 – 2026
Children's Residential Placements	£4,790.79	£ 5,470.95	£5,889.38
Supported Accommodation	Independent - £432.00  Communities - £949.89	Independent - £432.00  Communities - £949.89	Independent - £350.00  Communities - £949.89 a week
Solo placements	Information not held		
Placements with 2:1 staffing support	0	0	1-5
Placements with enhanced or	0	0	0

higher staffing ratios eg 3:1			
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We are unable to provide you with information relating to the cost of solo placements because it is not held by the Council.

Solo placements are unique to the individual placement and therefore we do not hold an average cost for this.

Please also note that the Council does not offer residential family assessment placements.

Where there are five or fewer children, these are shown in as '1-5'. We cannot provide the precise numbers for five or fewer as this could lead to an individual being identified.