

FOI Answers

Local Authority: Thurrock Council
 Date: 02/10/2024

1. Please could you supply the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for Looked After Children and/or placements in children's care homes.	Name	Job title	Telephone No.	Email Address

2. Please provide the total number of children looked after by the local authority (please include all placements at any point throughout the financial year).	2020/21 (figure as at 31 March 2021)	2021/22 (figure as at 31 March 2022)	2022/23 (figure as at 31 March 2023)	2023/24 (figure as at 31 March 2024)	2024/25 (figure as at 20 Sept 24)
LAC	298	294	293	290	272

3. Please provide the local authority's total expenditure on placements for looked after children in regulated children's homes (this is the total spend on all looked after children and should exclude expenses related to travel, social work visits etc).	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Forecast 2024/25
Annual expenditure on LAC in children's homes	£5.032 M	£6.421 M	£4.899 M	£8.465 M	£10.946 M

4. Of the total number of children looked after by the local authority (q.2) please provide the number of placements in children's homes (not including unregulated children's homes, secure units or hostels)	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Total number of children in children's homes	26	25	20	25	26

5. Of the total number of children looked after by the local authority in regulated children's homes (q.4) please provide the number placed inside the local authority boundary (in area) and the number placed outside the local authority boundary (out of area). Please exclude unregulated children's homes.	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
In area children's home placements	0	0	3	4	5
Out of area children's home placements	26	25	17	21	21

6. Of the number of children looked after by the local authority in regulated children's homes, please provide the number of children looked after by the local authority in:	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
In area, local authority provision	0	0	0	0	0
Out of area, local authority provision	1	1	1	0	0
In area, private provision	0	0	3	4	5
Out of area, private provision	24	23	16	21	21

7. Please provide the highest, average (mean), and lowest weekly fee currently paid for LAC in a regulated children's home (please include all placements in regulated children's homes, including those in and outside of the local authority boundary, as well as those operated by the local authority, the independent sector, and others).	Lowest	Average	Highest
	4,003 pw	8,912 pw	20,555 pw