

Freedom of information request NCC-037018-18

Thank you for your recent Freedom of information request for ease we have provided our response alongside each point as follows:

- 1) The total annual number of persons placed on secure accommodation orders (under section 25 of the Children Act 1989) for each of the last 5 calendar years (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)?
- 2) Please breakdown the numbers given in answer to Q1 for each of the last 5 calendar years by:
 - a. Those placed on a secure accommodation order under the provisions in clause (1) (a) (i & ii) of Section 25 of the Children Act 1989
 - b. Those placed on a secure accommodation order under the provisions in clause (1) (b) of Section 25 of the Children Act 1989

Our response for Q1 and Q2: Dates are based on when the young person was initially placed in secure accommodation

	1 a) risk of absconding	1 b) risk of injury to self/others	Total	
2014	2	2	4	
2015	2	2	4	
2016	2	2	4	
2017			0	
2018	5	3	6	2 cited both

3) The longest period of time a young person is known to have spent on a secure accommodation order during the last five financial years. 495 days.

4) What was the council's maximum capacity in its secure accommodation (as defined by section 25 of the Children Act 1989) in each of the last 5 financial years (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)?

Only in May 2018 did our secure accommodation beds increase to from 4 to 6. We further increased our beds on the 1st October 2018 when the new MOJ contracts became effective, which increase our welfare bed from 6 to 8.

5) Can you tell me the average occupation rate of the council's secure accommodation (as defined by section 25 of the Children Act 1989) in each of the last 5 financial years (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)? By this I mean, for example, that in 2015 secure accommodation was on average 85% occupied – that on average 85% percent of the total capacity was occupied across the year.

Our welfare beds have always been full between 2014 and April 2018. Across the secure welfare estate up until 1 October 2019 the demands for welfare beds have been high against SCH's ability to meet those demands e.g. up until the new MOJ contract there have been daily waiting list with the secure welfare coordination unit. More recently the MOJ contracted beds have reduced hence there is now a very small waiting list for welfare referrals.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

If you wish to raise any concerns about the way your request was dealt with, then please write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail foi@nottscc.gov.uk quoting the reference number above.

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