

## NCC-044410-20 Placement stability for children in care

Dear Requester,

Further to your request for information under the freedom of information act,

Please see below and attached for information. We trust this now resolves your enquiry and where we have not been able to provide details we expect that this information is not held by Nottinghamshire county Council at this time.

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you can use the search facility using keywords. i.e. un regulated / care / home etc.

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Kind Regards

Complaints, Information & Mediation Officer Chief Executive's Department Nottinghamshire County Council County Hall

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To whom it may concern,

I hope this message finds you well and in good health. This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. My request relates to **children in care in your local council/authority, and the stability of their care.**

I would like to request the following information **for the 2018/19 year** as it is recorded in your system - please clarify whether you use the calendar year or fiscal year to record your statistics, but the information is welcome in either format, as long as the same time frame is applied to all the questions below.

1. For the 2018-19 year, the **total number** of children in care in your council. **1171**
2. For the 2018-19 year, the **number of children who experienced 2 or more placement changes within 12 months.**
  - a. How **many** of these children were moved **from** a care home run by a local authority **to a private care home** (I.E, care homes run by the private sector; not run by the Local Authority or by foster carers). **2**
  - b. How many of the children were moved **between private care homes.** **7**
3. The **total** amount of money available in the council budget for the council to handle matters related to children in care (for ex, paying social workers and staff, running care homes, etc).

Paying Social Workers – u/k

Running care homes [owned and operated by NCC] – u/k

- a. The amount of money **spent by the council on private care homes for children** (for ex, the amount of money given to each private care home with which the council has a contract for services).

Amount of money spent by the Council on private care homes for children in 2019/20 = **£23.75m**

It would exceed cost of compliance limits to provide a breakdown of this for each provider, hence the figure above is an overall total. See further information below which explains the distinction between 'council contracts' and regional frameworks in relation to this request. If, for consistency, we wish to include only the costs of the two specific NCC contracts, the total spend would be **£4.5m**

4. The **total number of private care homes** with which the council had a contract in **2018-19**.

**The Council had contracts with 2 private providers in 2018/19. Both contracts were for a number of placements across each provider's residential home estate, i.e. the contract did not specify the actual care homes.**

- a. The names of the private care homes.

**The 2 providers were Homes2Inspire and Castle Care**

- b. The **total number of private care homes** with which the council had a contract in 2015-16.

**The above two contracts were also in place during 2015/16.**

Please provide the information in an electronic format, specifically an excel file or word document.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits, please do let me know how I can refine my request.

In addition to the 2 contracts described above, the Council also participated in regional framework arrangements in 2015/16 and 2018/19 though which it procured individual residential placements as required from a range of 'approved providers'.

Of course, I understand Covid-19 will have an impact on your ability to address this request. I would be very grateful if you could give me an estimate on how long you anticipate the request will take to be answered. If you're unable to do so, I look forward to receiving your response within 20 working days, **June 18**. If you need any further clarification, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you very much for your time and attention, especially during this demanding time.

Best