

Dear

I am writing to you in reply to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to Nottinghamshire County Council. I have the following information.

How many children do you have in residential placements?

132 as at 30 May.

How many children are currently in regulated placement and unregulated placement?

130 regulated and 2 unregulated (as at 30 May).

What is in the farthest distance your local authority is prepared to place a child?

There is no restriction although we would always want our looked after children to be local to Nottinghamshire.

What services do you commission as add-ons to package in the residential home?

The most commonly commissioned add-ons to the placement package are specific therapeutic interventions and education.

How many service providers do you use in both regulated and unregulated children / YP residential placement?

There are 32 local providers of regulated placements on our approved list, and 50 providers whom we use for 'unregulated placements'.

How many regulated children residential placement(s) do you have in your local authority and within the distance you're willing to place a child/ YP?

Not known as we do not hold a record of in-county based providers' total number of residential beds.

How much do you pay per week for a regulated placement?

Average is c.£4,100pw but it is subject to significant variation.

What are the services that you pay this amount of money for?

All placement and associated costs, i.e. an all-inclusive package, with the exception of case-specific add-ons such as education and specialist therapies as mentioned above.

How often do you use regulated children residential placements and are how easily accessible are they?

Regulated placements are sought on a daily basis from approved providers.

Is this service (children residential placement) something you will need in your area or have you got enough of it?

There is a national shortage of residential placement capacity and this is reflected locally, too.

What is missing in the current provision and what would you like a new and competing provider to provide?

There is a particular need for smaller residential settings that provide for more specialist placements, e.g. CCE, Mental Health, Self-harm, CSE.

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail foi@nottsc.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely