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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI739870641**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Children's Home Placements.

You have requested the following information:

Please provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the period 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025 (or the most recent 12-month period for which data is available):

1. Children's Home Placements

- **The total number of children placed by your authority in independent (private or voluntary sector) Ofsted-registered children's homes during the period.**

70 children.

- **For each placement, please provide:**

- **Ofsted registration category (e.g., EBD, LD, ASD, SEMH, solo placement, secure, crisis, DoLS)**

We hold the information which you have asked for, but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

This information is not held in a reportable format and would require a manual trawl through children's records to collate. As this will exceed 18 hours, this part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

• **Whether the placement was in-area or out-of-area**

16 in the LA (excluding internal provision)

54 outside of the LA

• **Weekly fee charged by the provider**

We are advising you as per Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Council website, please use the following link:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/1362/contracts_register

• **Duration of placement (start and end dates, or ongoing)**

We are unable to provide start and end dates for each placement as this could potentially identify the child. The Council considers that this information meets the definition for personal data set out in Section 3(2) and 3(3) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) as:

(2) personal data means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual (subject to subsection (14)(c))”

(3) “Identifiable living individual” means a living individual who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to –

*(a) an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data or an online identifier, or
(b) one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of the individual.”*

The Council thus considers that the requested information is caught by the exemption to disclosure contained in Section 40 (2) of the FOI Act and the related first condition of Section 40 (3).

A disclosure made under FOIA is judged to be to the wider world. The individuals involved, would not reasonably expect that their details would be disclosed in this way. It may also constitute a breach of the DPA principles.

To assist, the total Weeks in placements: 3,280 between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025.

2. Highest and Lowest Rates

• **The highest weekly fee paid for a children's home placement during the period, and the type of provision it related to.**

£32,500 per week - Specialist

• **The lowest weekly fee paid for a children's home placement during the period, and the type of provision it relates to.**

£3510 per week, EBD

3. Average Rates: the average weekly fee for:

• Standard EBD placements

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• Solo placements

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• DoLS or high-need therapeutic placements

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4. Framework Information

• **Whether your authority uses a preferred provider framework for children's home placements, and if so, the name of the framework and lead organisation.**

Coventry is part of the West Midlands Regional Framework and does not have a standard rate for children's placements.

The supply of information in response to a FOI/EIR request does not confer an automatic right to re-use the information. You can use any information supplied for the purposes of private study and non commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

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If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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