

FOI 3086

30th May 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Please provide the following information under the FOI.

1/ Please provide the highest annual amount paid in the 2024/25 financial year for an individual child's placement in either children's homes, unregulated homes or residential special schools? Please state the nature of the placement e.g. children's home. Please provide the total annual cost if the child has been placed in multiple placements. Please include all costs including all care and education costs, per child placement.

Response:

Long term Trust run Residential unit for children with Intellectual Disability/Autism
£690,819 for 2024/25 (based on overall cost of facility and number of residents).

*Individual costs are not held. The costs provided are an average cost based on the overall cost of the service and the number of residents

2/ Please provide the highest weekly amount paid in the 2024/25 financial year for individual child's placement in either children's homes, unregulated homes or residential special schools? Please state the nature of the placement e.g. children's home. Please include all costs including all care and education costs, per child placement.

Response:

Long term Trust run residential unit for children with Intellectual Disability/Autism
£13,284 per week

*Individual costs are not held. The costs provided are an average cost based on the overall cost of the service and the number of residents

3/ Please provide the highest annual amount paid in the 2024/25 financial year for an individual child's placement in independent special schools. Please provide the total annual cost if the child has been placed in multiple schools during the financial year.

Response:

Southern Trust do not have any such placement

If known, please provide any mitigating reasons for any high costs (e.g. 4-to-1 care) if you believe it to be relevant.

Response:

Young people within long term residential for children with Intellectual Disability/Autism require resource intensive staff levels and associated specialist therapeutic inputs.

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