

FOI 3634

16th March 2026**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following statistical information.

- 1. For the 2024/25 financial year, please provide the total number of children and young people aged 10 to 18 who were recorded as Children in Need during the financial year.**

Response:

For the 2024/25 financial year, there were 5190 Children in Need.

- 2. Please break this information down by age and gender. If age is recorded in bands rather than single years, please provide the data using the age bands held.**

Response:

Age Band	Male	Female
10 -11	651	566
12-15	1436	1221
16+	607	709
Total	2694	2496

- 3. For the 2024/25 financial year, please also provide the number of children and young people aged 10 to 18 who became looked after by the local authority and/or healthcare trust during the financial year, where the child or young person had previously been recorded as a Child in Need within the previous 12 months.**

Response:

For the 2024/25 financial year, there were 55 children and young people aged 10 to 18 who became Looked After Children

- 4. Please break this information down by age at entry to care and gender.**

Response:

Age Band	Male	Female
10 -11	11	6

12-15	18	14
16+	<5	<5
Total	32	23

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves and the sensitivity of the information requested. In addition the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018.

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