

FOI – 2154

6th February 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

How many unaccompanied children, including asylum-seeking or refugee children, is the Trust currently looking after and what type of accommodation have they been placed in (broken down by the numbers for each accommodation type).

Placement Type	Number of Children
STAY supported lodgings	7
Private accommodation with support package	6
Foster Care	<5
Trust Transition	<5
Joint Commissioned Supported Accommodation	<5

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 exact information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the 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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