

## Response to Request for Information

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### *Children's Homes*

#### Request:

1) The amount the local authority spends on residential care per child per week in a) local authority provision b) non-local authority provision.

With reference to your above question we do not have individual-level costs for all looked after children (LAC), as some LAC (especially in residential care) are paid for via block contracts. Therefore, we have provided the costs for 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010, 2014 and 2015 as per your request, but also a count of how many LAC are included in the data to give better context to our answer.

#### Cost of LAC in residential care as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010

	£	Number of LAC with individualised costs
Total Cost	74021.41	23
IN W'ton	32075.66	12
OUT W'ton	41945.75	11

#### Cost of LAC in residential care as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014

	£	Number of LAC with individualised costs
Total Cost	6644 1.28	20
IN W'ton	1512	1
OUT W'ton	6492 9.28	19

#### Cost of LAC in residential care as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015

	£	Number of LAC with individualised costs
Total Cost	85673.85	25
IN W'ton	12765	5
OUT W'ton	72908.85	20

Referring only to children who are the responsibility of the local authority, please provide:

2) The number of children in regulated children's homes

2010 - 36

2014 - 34

2015 - 32

3) The number of children placed in regulated children's homes within the LA boundary

2010 - 24

2014 - 15

2015 - 10

4) The number of children placed in regulated children's homes outside the LA boundary

2010 - 12

2014 - 19

2015 - 22

5) The number of children placed more than 20 miles from their home

2010 - 7

2014 - 12

2015 - 11

6) The number of children placed in regulated children's homes that have run away or gone missing from home or care.

2010 - 0

2014 - 9

2015 - 8

Please note the response above relating to question 6 refers to the children in regulated children's homes as of the 31st March exclusively. The numbers stated show whether any of those children are recorded as having gone missing sometime in the year, not necessarily from the 31st Mar placement.

For all questions, please provide this data as of March in the following years i) 2010 ii) 2014 iii) 2015. If it is not possible to give the data as of March, please provide data for the closest available period in that year.