**WBCIR:16107**

**1. Please could you supply the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for Looked After Children and/or placements in children's care homes.**

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***For questions 2 through 6, please supply the following information for the financial years 2018/19 to 2021/22, and where possible, the budget or most up to date snapshot available for 2022/23.***

**2. Please provide the total number of children looked after by the local authority (please include all placements at any point throughout the financial year).**

2022/23: 176

2021/22: 193

2020/21: 149

2019/20: 153

2018/19: 164

**3. Please provide the local authority's total expenditure on placements for looked after children (this is the total spend on all looked after children and should exclude expenses related to travel, social work visits etc).**

2018/2019: 3,608K

2019/2020: 5,376K

2020/2021: 4,146K

2021/2022: 4,694K

2022/2023: 5,141 K (Forecast)

**4. Of the total number of children looked after by the local authority (q.2) please provide the number of placements in children's homes (not including unregulated children's homes, secure units or hostels)**

2022/23: 12

2021/22: 22

2020/21: 25

2019/20: 19

**5. Of the total number of children looked after by the local authority in regulated children's homes (q.4) please provide the number placed inside the local authority boundary (in area) and the number placed outside the local authority boundary (out of area). Please exclude unregulated children's homes.**

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|  | 2019/20 | | 2020/21 | | 2021/22 | | 2022/23 snapshot at 15.11.22 | |
|  | Inside LA | Outside LA | Inside LA | Outside LA | Inside LA | Outside LA | Inside LA | Outside LA |
| Children's home placements | 1 | 18 | 1 | 24 | 1 | 21 | 0 | 12 |

**6. Of the number of children looked after by the local authority in regulated children's homes, please provide the number of children looked after by the local authority in:**

**· In placements inside the local authority boundary, in 'own provision' (operated by the local authority)**

**· In placements outside the local authority boundary, in 'own provision' (operated by the local authority)**

**· In placements inside the local authority boundary, in 'private provision' (operated by the independent sector)**

**· In placements outside the local authority boundary, in 'private provision' (operated by the independent sector)**

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|  | 2019/20 | | 2020/21 | | 2021/22 | | 2022/23 snapshot at 15.11.22 | |
|  | Inside LA | Outside LA | Inside LA | Outside LA | Inside LA | Outside LA | Inside LA | Outside LA |
| Children's home placements | 1 (own provision) | 18 (private provision) | 1 (own provision) | 24 (private provision) | 1 (own provision) | 21 (private provision) | 0 | 12 (private provision) |

**7. Please provide the highest, average (mean), and lowest weekly fee currently paid for LAC in a regulated children's home (please include all placements in regulated children's homes, including those in and outside of the local authority boundary, as well as those operated by the local authority, the independent sector, and others).**

Highest is £5,750 (excludes additional 1 to 1 care)

Mean is £3,880

Lowest is £959