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Children in Care Accommodation Costs

In relation to B&B, long-term rental and hotel accommodation used by Social Services to accommodate both those under-18 receiving care and staff over the last five years broken down by constituency, please outline:

The names of accommodation used

The nightly rates agreed

The overall annual cost per provider

The number of nights used in each provider

We are unable to provide all of the information which you have requested. We have provided what we can in the table below.

Type of Accommodation	Number of young people	No of Days
Private Rentals (53)	128	12,809
Hotels (8)	15	302
BnB (1)	1	46

Our electronic system do not break down the data into constituencies. To provide the data in this way would require a manual trawl of records which would take over 18 hours and so we are unable to complete under section 12 of the FOI Act (2000)

The nightly rates vary considerably and we would have to manually check all invoices – this would take a long period of time. To provide the data would require a manual trawl of invoices which would take over 18 hours and so we are unable to complete under section 12 of the FOI Act (2000)

There is no overall cost centre. Invoices are stored in a number of cost centres and would have to be extracted manually. This would take a long time to compile. To provide the data would require a manual trawl of records which would take over 18 hours and so we are unable to complete under section 12 of the FOI Act (2000)

We would not want to identify any Providers given the sensitive nature of the information, this would be withheld under section 38 (Health and Safety) of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act (2000). Providing the details of care providers could pose a risk to vulnerable children who are living in the accommodation.