

20 March 2026

## Children in Need

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

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.

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.

Number of Children with UNOCINI Referral dated 01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025 (Source 10.4.1 - DSF)

0		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Grand Total
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
193	176	720	611	1468	1312	866	918	375	366	7005

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.

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

New LAC Admissions 01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025  
 (Source 10.3.39 - DSF)

<1		1-4		5-11		12-15		16+		Total
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
25	24	41	19	45	43	23	31	38	21	310

Of note all information came from the DSF report which is available publicly here: [Children's services statistics | Department of Health](#)