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## Looked After Children and Young People Placed in Residential Children's Homes in Belfast Trust

Please could you give me the following information in regard of children and young people in residential children's homes excluding those children with disabilities who are in specific respite and/or residential provision?

If possible, please could you give me figures for the last 5 years, but where this is not available, please can you give me the data for whichever years it may be available for.

1. What is the H&SCT spend on looked after children for each of the last 5 years? (or whichever years you have this data for).

BHSCT Looked After Children – Residential spend:

- 2017 £ 8,968,132
- 2018 £10,210,708
- 2019 £11,481,797
- 2020 £10,395,959
- 2021 £12,386,935

2. Can you break the spend on looked after children down to show the specific spend on residential children's homes (excluding respite overnight care/residential for disabled children) for the same period?

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Total Cost within BHSCT</b>	£8,614,132	£8,993,908	£10,264,997	£9,029,159	£10,793,135
<b>Total Cost Homes Other than BHSCT</b>	£354,000	£1,216,800	£1,216,800	£1,366,800	£1,593,800
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£8,968,132</b>	<b>£10,210,708</b>	<b>£11,481,797</b>	<b>£10,395,959</b>	<b>£12,386,935</b>

3. How many residential children's homes do you have within your Trust geographical area?

There are 10 residential children's homes within the BHSCT's geographical area.

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**4. Can you break the number of children's homes down to show how many children's homes are delivered by each type of provider i.e. Voluntary organisation, Public, Private Sector organisation – or other if applicable?**

- **BHSCT** 9 statutory residential children's homes
- **Voluntary** 1 children's home

**5. Can you break down the numbers of children being looked after in each of the provider type above for the same period?**

BHSCT Children's Homes:

- **2017** 79
- **2018** 85
- **2019** 97
- **2020** 98
- **2021** 78

Voluntary Homes:

- **2017** 4
- **2018** 4
- **2019** 0
- **2020** 0
- **2021** 0

**6. Can you break down the above spend on residential children's homes for the same period based on the provider type i.e. Voluntary organisations / Trust / Private Sector organisations?**

BHSCT:

- **2017** £ 8,968,132.00
- **2018** £10,210,708.00
- **2019** £11,481,797.00
- **2020** £10,395,959.00
- **2021** £12,386,935.00

Voluntary:

- **2017** £1,123,200.00
- **2018** £1,123,200.00
- **2019** £0
- **2020** £0
- **2021** £0

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**7. Can you give me the range of weekly rates for children’s homes based on provider type as above?**

**BHSCCT** £4,500 - £6,000 per week  
**Voluntary** £5,400 per week

**8. How many children and young people have been looked after in children’s homes outside of your Trust’s geographical area for each of the last 5 years? (or whichever years you have this data for).**

- **2017** <5
- **2018** <5
- **2019** <5
- **2020** <5
- **2021** 5

**Use of < 5 (less than five):** We are unable to provide an exact figure - exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act - as this could make clients personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

**9. How many children/young people have been placed in residential children’s homes within your Trust area who are from another Trust area and how many from outside Northern Ireland for the same period as above? (Can you detail the location they are from?)**

	<b>YP Placed by other Trusts</b>	<b>YP Outside of N Ireland Placed</b>
<b>2017</b>	6	<5
<b>2018</b>	6	<5
<b>2019</b>	7	5
<b>2020</b>	<5	<5
<b>2021</b>	7	7

\*Unable to provide location these children are from.

**10. How many looked after children/young from your Trust area are looked after in residential children’s homes outside of your Trust area and where are they placed?**

- **2017** <5 Northern Ireland / ROI / Scotland
- **2018** <5 Northern Ireland / ROI / Scotland
- **2019** <5 Northern Ireland / ROI / Scotland
- **2020** <5 Northern Ireland / ROI / Scotland
- **2021** <5 Northern Ireland / ROI / Scotland