

FOI Reference Number: FOI/070/1920

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Request:

Dear FOI team,

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:

1. Please give the number of looked after children under 16 in the care of your authority who were in supported/semi-supported accommodation placements on 31 March 2019.
2. Please could you tell us how many children aged 16 and 17 who were in the care of local authorities other than your own (ie "out of area placements") and who are living in supported/semi supported accommodation located within your authority's boundaries on 31 March 2019.
3. Please give the number of how many of the looked after children identified in the answer to Q2 come from which other local authority area - giving a number of children per other local authority area that they are from.
4. Please give the number of 16 and 17 year olds in the care of your local authority who were in supported/semi-supported accommodation placements outside your local authority's boundaries on 31 March 2019.
5. Please give the number of how many of the looked after children aged 16 and 17 years old identified in the answer to Q4 are placed in which other local authority area - giving a number of children per other local authority area that they are placed in.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 28/05/2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to looked after children.

Please note that in Northern Ireland district councils are not responsible for the provision of social care. Please contact the Northern Health and Social Care Trust who should be able to help you with your request.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/070/1920 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.