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Dear Harriet,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REF No: 496340**

Thank you for your information request, received on 31 December 2018.

You requested the following information:

Please release the below information relating to looked after children in the care of your authority for the periods:

1st January 2018 to 30th November 2018;  
1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017;  
1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016;  
1st January 2015 to 31st December 2015.

1. The cost of residential children's homes to your authority per year.
2. How much it costs to look after a child in each care home, per child per week – please provide raw data for each home in your authority.
3. What percentage of children's homes are owned by your authority and what percentage are privately owned.
4. How much does your authority charge other authorities to accommodate any children they refer to your care.
5. How many + what percentage of children from your authority are referred to other local authorities.

I would be grateful if you could contact me if there are any issues regarding this request as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters.

If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs.

Our response is:

1. **The information you requested is reasonably available elsewhere and can be found at:**  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/section-251-materials>

**Once on the above link, you'll need to:**

1. **Select the year you are interested in**
2. **Click on "S251 budget...individual LA expenditure data"**
3. **In the "Control" worksheet, select "Islington" from the drop-down menu**
4. **Go to worksheet "206\_LA\_table" worksheet to find the information you require**

**In terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), information reasonably available to you by other means is exempt from disclosure (see Section 21 of the Act). Section 21 is an absolute exemption and does not require for a public interest test to be carried out. In accordance with Section 17 of the FOIA, this is a technical refusal notice.**

2. **Islington Council does not have any residential children's homes. Some children are looked after in residential homes run by external providers. The weekly cost of a place in each of these homes is listed below:**

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Weekly fee</b>
Home A	£2,750.00
Home B	£4,366.00
Home B	£4,753.00
Home C	£3,790.41
Home D	£2,300.00
Home E	£5,499.00
Home F	£2,625.00
Home G	£4,975.00
Home H	£2,950.00
Home I	£3,900.00
Home J	£6,595.00
Home K	£3,800.00
Home L	£2,700.00
Home L	£3,500.00
Home M	£3,450.00
Home N	£3,835.86
Home O	£4,030.39
Home O	£4,030.39
Home O	£4,677.68
Home P	£4,300.00

**We are unable to disclose names of providers as this could lead to the identification of children; putting them at significant risk. We therefore consider that an exemption under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies. Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and does not require for a public interest test to be carried out.**

- 3. Islington Council does not have any residential children's homes. All children's homes used by the authority are run by external providers**
- 4. Not applicable.**
- 5. We do not refer children from our Local Authority to other Local Authorities.**

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been handled or the outcome, you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this response by contacting: Information Complaints, Resources, 4th Floor, 7 Newington Barrow Way, London N7 7EP. Email: [infocomplaints@islington.gov.uk](mailto:infocomplaints@islington.gov.uk)

Further information is also available from the Information Commissioner's Office, at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone: 01625 545 700. Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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