



City of Westminster

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Our ref: 6995933

Your ref:

Date: 30 May 2018

Dear Swanson

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am pleased to provide some of the information you have requested. I have detailed below the information.

Can you please provide the following information. In all instances where numbers are asked for please provide them both as a whole number and as a percentage of the overall total.

	WCC	
1. How many children of compulsory school age do you currently have under local authority care?	Of 198 LAC in WCC at March 2018, 182 are 4-17 years old inclusive (92%)	
Of these;		
i) How many had their education delegated to a school by their parents before going into care?	All bar the unaccompanied minors (69) ((182-69)/182=62.08%)	
ii) How many were electively home educated by their parents before going into care?	None	
2. Can you please provide a statistical breakdown of the reasons why children of CSA in your local authority have been put under local authority care?	Category	Number of Children
	Absent parenting	67
	Abuse or Neglect	55
	Cases other than Children in Need	5
	Disability	10
	Family dysfunction	30
	Family in acute stress	5
	Parental illness or disability	22
	Socially unacceptable behaviour	S. 40*
	Not Known	S. 40*
	Total	198
3. Please provide the number of children under local authority care classed as children missing education for	None A referral to CME (Children Missing Education) is made when a child has not been in any education provision for 6 to 8	

the years (Jan 01 - Dec 31 in all instances) 2015, 2016, 2017. Both for the years provided and those still CME (with the years they have been CME).	weeks or more. Children in care that move into the LA are secured a school place quickly via the school admissions process and are not categorised as CME.																												
4. Please provide a breakdown of how the children who are CSA under local authority care are currently receiving their educational provision. Please include CME statistics.	<table> <tr> <th>School type</th><th>students</th></tr> <tr> <td>Mainstream</td><td>73</td></tr> <tr> <td>Special Residential 38 week</td><td>S. 40*</td></tr> <tr> <td>Special Residential 52 week</td><td>S. 40*</td></tr> <tr> <td>Special day</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr> <td>Independent Residential (boarding school)</td><td>S. 40*</td></tr> <tr> <td>Alternative provision</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr> <td>Custody/hospital</td><td>S. 40*</td></tr> <tr> <td>ESOL at College</td><td>S. 40*</td></tr> <tr> <td>CME - Not in school/education – R to year 11 (of which 19 are UASC)</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr> <td>Post 16 further education</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr> <td>Post 16 employment and training</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr> <td>CME - Post 16 not in education, employment or training (of which 27 are UASC)</td><td>40</td></tr> <tr> <td>Grand Total</td><td>182</td></tr> </table>	School type	students	Mainstream	73	Special Residential 38 week	S. 40*	Special Residential 52 week	S. 40*	Special day	5	Independent Residential (boarding school)	S. 40*	Alternative provision	5	Custody/hospital	S. 40*	ESOL at College	S. 40*	CME - Not in school/education – R to year 11 (of which 19 are UASC)	22	Post 16 further education	18	Post 16 employment and training	9	CME - Post 16 not in education, employment or training (of which 27 are UASC)	40	Grand Total	182
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5. Please provide the number of children aged 10 - 18 under local authority care who have (same years as Q3);																													
i) Gone missing	23																												
ii) Had police involvement	23																												
iii) Been groomed by adults after going into LAC.	Our recording system does not allow us to extract data in this way.																												
iv) Had a relationship that resulted in pregnancy.	S. 40*																												
v) Had a relationship that resulted in parenthood.	S. 40*																												
6. Of the children currently under LAC please provide the number of children who have been identified by professionals as needing supportive therapy; This could be SEN, mentally, emotionally, physically etc.	<p>I can confirm that Westminster City Council holds the information you have requested.</p> <p>However we are unable to process this part of your request. This is because the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.</p> <p>There are currently 90 Children Looked After by the local authority. To extract the information needed from a single file it would take a minimum of 30 minutes. Completing the task would take 45 hours and cost £1,125 which exceeds the appropriate limit set at 18 hours or £450.</p> <p>This letter therefore acts as a refusal notice in accordance</p>																												

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Of these children;	
i) How many have successfully received the therapy recommended?	N/A
ii) How many are in receipt of the therapy recommended?	N/A
iii) How many are waiting to receive the therapy recommended?	N/A
Finally, can you please provide statistics/documentation and evidence for the educational outcomes for all children under local authority care	<p>I can confirm that Westminster City Council holds the information you have requested.</p> <p>However we are unable to process this part of your request. This is because the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.</p> <p>There are currently 90 Children Looked After by the local authority. To extract the information needed from a single file it would take a minimum of 30 minutes. Completing the task would take 45 hours and cost £1,125 which exceeds the appropriate limit set at 18 hours or £450.</p> <p>This letter therefore acts as a refusal notice in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in respect of the above.</p>

I can confirm that the remainder of the information you have requested is held by Westminster City Council, by law. However, I'm unable to give this to you.

Section 40 Exemption*

We have withheld this information due to the potential of identifying individuals. Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse this request for information held if an exemption applies.

The requested details comprise a small number of a small population, it is considered that the information is exempt from disclosure under section 40 (2) of the Act, as it is personal information which would enable the identification of individuals who would not have an expectation that such information would be made public.

Disclosure would thereby breach Principle 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 (Fair Disclosure would thereby breach Principle 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 (Fair and Lawful Processing).

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling 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:

Information Management Team
5 Strand
London

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xxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Further information is also available from the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113 or 01625 54 57 45
Fax: 01625 524510
Web: www.ico.org.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

Westminster City Council