

29 August 2023

Dear

ATISN 18851 – Childrens Homes

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 17 August 2023. You requested the following:

Childrens homes

1. *What is the current number of children's homes operated by the local authority in Wales?*
2. *What is the weekly cost per child for residing in a local authority-operated children's home?*
3. *Could you provide information on the sources of funding for the children's homes, including government grants, local taxes, and any other financial support?*
4. *How many childrens homes are currently operated in the local authority in Wales?*
5. *What is the maximum number of service users (children) that reside in a childrens home?*
6. *What are the lower support packages costed at per week?*
7. *What are the higher support packages costed at per week?*
8. *Can you provide information on the breakdown of service users in semi-independent units based on different categories of support needs?*
9. *What Are the costs for solo units as opposed to shared units per week?*
10. *What are the costings per week for a Learning difficulty supported placement?*

Semi Independent

1. *How many semi-independent units for children are currently operated in the local authority in Wales?*
2. *What is the total number of service users currently residing in these semi-independent units?*
3. *What is the average weekly cost per service user for residing in a semi-independent unit?*
4. *Could you provide information on the sources of funding for the semi-independent units, including government grants, local taxes, and any other financial support?*
5. *Can you provide information on the breakdown of service users in semi-independent units based on different categories of support needs or levels of independence?*
6. *What are the lower support packages costed at per week?*
7. *What are the higher support packages costed at per week?*
8. *What Are the costs for solo units as opposed to shared units per week?*
9. *What are the costings per week for a Learning difficulty supported placement?*

Our Response

Welsh Government does not hold the information you are requesting.

However, we are aware that Care Inspectorate Wales publishes some information regarding the number of registered children's home and the number of registered places which might be helpful. You can locate this on the following link: [Microsoft Power BI](#).

You may also find the information on the following link helpful as it provides information about the number of placements in residential settings [Children looked after at 31 March by local authority and placement type \(gov.wales\)](#)

For the other information requested, you may wish to contact individual local authorities.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,