

Freedom of Information – Response – 26940

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following statistical information.

*For the **2024/25 financial year**, please provide the total number of children and young people aged **10 to 18** who were recorded as **Children in Need** during the financial year.*

*Please break this information down by **age** and **gender**. If age is recorded in bands rather than single years, please provide the data using the age bands held.*

Please see the table below for the 2024/25 financial year, the number of children and young people aged 10 -17 who were recorded as Children in Need during the financial year.

Please note that these numbers are from the 2024-25 CIN Census and include children undergoing a Social Work Assessment, children subject to a Child Protection Plan, Children in Care and Care Leavers.

The numbers represent unique children counted once even if they were a Child in Need more than once in the year.

The age range is 10-17 based on age as at 31/03/2025.

Age	F	M	Total
10	187	202	389
11	162	157	319
12	181	194	375
13	194	178	372
14	228	202	430
15	220	194	414
16	215	227	442
17	190	226	416
Total	1,577	1,580	3,157

For the **2024/25 financial year**, please also provide the number of children and young people aged **10 to 18** who **became looked after** by the local authority during the financial year, where the child or young person had previously been recorded as a **Child in Need within the previous 12 months**.

Please break this information down by **age at entry to care** and **gender**.

Please note :

The data is taken from the SSDA903 data for 2024/25 (annual CIC data return to the DfE) reporting children becoming looked after aged 10-17 at the start of their period of care.

The data shows the number of children becoming looked after who had been recorded as CIN in the 12 months prior to the date they became looked after – this is irrespective of whether they became looked after during an open referral (a child is counted if they were open for seven days or more before becoming looked after), or became looked after subsequent to a previous open referral closing in the 12 months prior to becoming looked after.

Children cease to be looked after when they turn 18 therefore no young people aged 18 are included.

Age	F	M	Total
10	5	3	8
11	0	4	4
12	4	0	4
13	3	4	7
14	6	5	11
15	6	8	14
16	11	11	22
17	8	12	20
Total	43	47	90