

Freedom of Information – Response – 26961

Please note the following two amendments to my original inquiry:

1. *Correction to Placement Codes (Section 2): In my original email, I specified placement codes P1, P2, P3, and R1. I would like to correct this. Please provide the data for children housed in residential care homes under the following SSSA903 placement codes instead:*

- K1 (Secure Children's Homes)
- K2 (Children's Homes)
- K3 (Residential Care Homes)

2. *Clarification of Provider Types (Section 3 & 4): For the purposes of my request, where I referred to "Private for-profit" and "Private not-for-profit" providers, please interpret these as follows:*

- *Private for-profit: Your standard classification for the Private sector.*
 - *Private not-for-profit: Your standard classification for the Voluntary/Third sector.*
- Please utilize your authority's standard internal classifications for these categories to ensure consistency with your reporting.*

1. Total Looked After Children (LAC) Demographics

The total number of Looked After Children currently under your authority's care, in any form of care, categorized by:

- *Age Range: Under 1, 1-4, 5-9, 10-15, 16 and over.*
- *Gender: As recorded in the SSSA903 return.*

Data as of 24-02-2026

Age	Female	Male	Total
Under 1	17	17	34
1-4 Years	62	70	132
5-9 Years	86	104	190
10-15 Years	158	196	354
16 and Over	77	164	241
Total	400	551	951

2. Demographics of Children in Residential Care

The number of Looked After Children (LAC) currently housed in residential care homes (specifically those under Placement codes P1, P2, P3, and R1), separated by:

- *Gender: As recorded in the SSSA903 return.*
- *Age Categories: Under 1, 1-4, 5-9, 10-15, 16 and over (age at last birthday).*

Data as of 24-02-2026

Age and Placement	Female	Male	Total
K2 - Homes and Hostels			
1-4 Years	0	1	1
5-9 Years	6	25	31
10-15 Years	36	55	91

16 and over	4	7	11
K3 - Regulated Supported Accommodation			
16 and over	25	86	111
Total	71	174	245

3. Placement & Provider Breakdown

a. The total number of individual care homes where children are currently placed by your Children's Services.

Data as of 24-02-2026

There are 60 individual children's homes where children are currently placed by Suffolk County Council Children's Services.

b. The number of these homes that are located within the geographical boundaries of your local authority.

There are 33 homes based in Suffolk

c. A breakdown of the children placed in these homes, separated by:

i. Provider Type: Local authority run (including other LAs), Private for-profit, and Private not-for-profit.

LA run (PR1 + PR2) = 23	Private for profit (PR4) = 96	Private not for profit (PR5) = 15
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ii. Gender: As recorded in the SSDA903 return (per provider type).

Female	46
Male	88

iii. Age Range: (Using the categories from Section 1) per provider type and gender.

1-4 Years	1
5-9 Years	31
10-15 Years	91
16 and Over	11

4. Financial Averages

The average (mean) Gross Weekly Cost paid directly to providers per child by your Children's Services, separated by:

- Provider Type: Local authority run, Private for-profit, and Private not-for-profit.
- Age Range: (Using the categories from Section 1) per provider type.
- Gender: Per provider type and age range (I would appreciate this as a secondary breakdown if it can be provided within the standard cost limits).

Suffolk County Council do not hold information on the weekly cost per placement for local

authority residential homes, as the weekly cost would depend on occupancy and contract value.

Therefore, Local authority placement costs below have been based on the average weekly cost for the bed in the home the child was placed in, using January figures.

Placements purchased are based on the actual cost for that child, as of 24-02-2026.

Row Labels	Average Weekly Cost		
	Female	Male	M&F
PR1 - Own provision by LA	£6,312.28	£5,578.29	£5,822.96
K2 - Homes and Hostels	£6,312.28	£5,578.29	£5,822.96
10-15 Years	£6,116.13	£4,189.63	£5,273.29
16 and Over	£8,077.68	£6,326.03	£6,451.15
PR4 - Private Provision	£5,183.05	£4,716.19	£4,863.17
K2 - Homes and Hostels	£6,804.37	£6,263.45	£6,429.14
5-9 Years	£6,438.90	£6,492.24	£6,484.24
10-15 Years	£7,255.12	£6,105.27	£6,500.53
16 and Over	£5,824.37	£6,416.47	£6,219.10
K3 - Regulated Supported Accommodation	£1,940.41	£1,212.11	£1,454.88
16 and Over	£1,940.41	£1,212.11	£1,454.88
PR5 - Voluntary/Third Sector Provision	£3,840.97	£791.73	£1,243.47
K2 - Homes and Hostels	£12,246.50	£11,343.00	£11,945.33
10-15 Years	£12,246.50	£11,343.00	£11,945.33
K3 - Regulated Supported Accommodation	£1,039.13	£557.26	£613.95
16 and Over	£1,039.13	£557.26	£613.95

