

Freedom of Information – Response – 26966

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide the most recent available data for the following:

- 1. The current number of children looked after by the Council who are identified as having Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties (EBD) or Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs.*
- 2. The number and percentage of EBD/SEMH residential placements made outside the borough during the last 12 months (or the most recent reporting period available please).*
- 3. The average weekly placement cost per child for:*
 - a) In-borough residential placements for EBD/SEMH*
 - b) Out-of-borough residential placements for EBD/SEMH*

Suffolk County Council do not categorise children looked after by the council using those specific categories of need.

- 4. The total number of Ofsted-registered children's homes currently operating within the borough, and how many of these specifically provide placements for children with EBD/SEMH needs.*

There are 52 children's homes currently operating within Suffolk.

41 of these may provide care and accommodation for children with emotional and/or behavioural difficulties (EBD).

- 5. The average distance (in miles) that children with EBD/SEMH are placed from the borough when placed out of area.*
- 6. Whether the Council has identified any current sufficiency gap for residential provision for children with EBD/SEMH within the borough.*
- 7. Any projected demand figures the Council holds for residential EBD/SEMH placements over the next 3–5 years.*

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- 8. Whether the Council would welcome the development of additional local residential provision for children with EBD/SEMH needs.*

N/A – this is considered opinion and therefore not subject to FOI