

Freedom of Information – Response – 27102

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Section 1(1), please provide the following information about children's residential care placements commissioned by Suffolk for the financial year 2025-26.

1. Your published rate card, fee schedule, or the minimum and maximum weekly fees for children's residential placements, broken down by placement category where you record this distinction. If rates are individually negotiated rather than published, the range applicable to 2025-26 would satisfy this request. Categories of interest, where applicable:

- *Standard residential*
- *Social, emotional and mental health (SEMH)*
- *Complex needs or therapeutic*
- *Parent-and-child*
- *Solo placements*
- *Emergency or unplanned placements*

Suffolk County Council (SCC) does not have rate cards, fee schedules or minimum and maximum weekly rates for children's residential home placements. The figures provided include individually negotiated and block contract prices.

- *Standard residential*:- Children's homes are not categorised as "standard residential" and therefore data cannot be supplied as there is no reliable data available.

- *Social, emotional and mental health (SEMH)*:-Range of current full time placement rates for children's residential placements = £4,150 to £10,500

- *Complex needs or therapeutic*:- This is not a registration category for children's homes and therefore data cannot be supplied as there is no reliable data available

- *Parent-and-child*:- Range applicable to 2025-2026 - £3,245.00 - £5,075.00

- *Solo placements*:- Range of current placements rates = £11,253 to £15,322

- *Emergency or unplanned placements*- SCC has no children currently placed in emergency or unplanned placements however, these costs can vary and costings will be similar to that of solo placements (see above.)

2. The total number of children's residential placements (in-authority and out-of-authority) commissioned by your authority, as at the most recent available date.

On the 27/03/2026 there were 106 children's residential placements commissioned by Suffolk County Council. 60 of these were in the authority and 46 were out of the authority.

Only externally purchased children's residential home placements have been included in this response and not the authority's in-house homes.

