

Freedom of Information – Response – 27338

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request information about your provision (for the purposes of assessment or support) for parents/mothers and babies, where the child is at risk of being taken into care in your local authority area.

This provision may be commissioned or in-house and could be described as:

- Residential parenting assessment
- Specialist) parenting assessment placement/unit
- Residential family centre
- Mother/parent and baby unit (MBU)
- Intensive parenting assessment unit

(If your authority uses different terminology, please include equivalent services)

Please provide data relating to your current provision.

If exact figures are not held, please provide your best estimate and state this clearly.

If any part of this request is unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me to clarify rather than refuse the request.

Please be advised that Suffolk County Council have interpreted Q 1 and 2 as relating to parent and child residential placements together within Suffolk. If this is not what you wanted, then please come back to us.

Question 1:

How many residential units or centres within your local authority area provide accommodation for parents/mothers and babies for assessment or support?

None

Question 2:

What is the total number of residential places available in these units or centres?

A: Number of places for a parent/mother

B: Number of places for babies

N/A

Question 3:

How many parent and child foster care places do you currently have in your local authority area?

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| A: Number of places for a parent/mother | There are 5 foster carers who have been approved to care for a parent and child. However, please note, this doesn't mean they are able to offer this arrangement. |
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| <i>B: Number of places for babies</i> | <5 parent and child placements are currently active. |
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Question 4:

On the date you receive this FOI request, how many places for a parent/mother and baby/babies are currently vacant?

Vacancies with foster carers - <5.

Suffolk County Council do not hold data on the vacancies of parent and child purchased placements.

Question 5:

In the past 12 months, how many parents and babies from your area have been placed:

| | 2025/2026 | 2026/2027 |
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| <i>A: Within your local authority area?</i> | <5 | <5 |
| <i>B: Outside your local authority area?</i> | <5 | <5 |