

Freedom of Information Request – Response – 27229

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am seeking to understand how many children in your authority's care are placed in the geographical area of Cambridgeshire, and where within Cambridgeshire those placements sit.

I recognise that, to safeguard children in care, the names and addresses of individual placements or homes should not be disclosed. I am not requesting any home names, addresses or information that could identify an individual child, and I am content for the data to be provided in aggregate/anonymised form.

Please provide the following, as at the most recent date for which data is held (please state the date):

1. The total number of children in your authority's care who are placed in the county of Cambridgeshire (i.e. within the area covered by Cambridgeshire County Council), across all placement types.

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2. If possible, a breakdown of that total by placement type – for example: residential children's home, independent fostering agency foster placement, supported accommodation (16–17 year-olds), and any other category held.

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3. Most importantly, a breakdown of the total in question 1 by the district/lower-tier area within Cambridgeshire in which the child is placed, using the five Cambridgeshire districts:

- Fenland
- Huntingdonshire
- East Cambridgeshire
- South Cambridgeshire
- Cambridge city

(If your systems record placement location by postcode, postcode district, or town rather than by district council, a breakdown on that basis – or the underlying postcode-district counts – would be equally helpful, and I am happy for you to provide whichever you hold.)

Suffolk County Council cannot break the number in Q1 down further as to do so could potentially identify an individual. SCC can confirm placements as follows:

<i>Fenland</i>	<i>Huntingdonshire</i>	<i>East Cambridgeshire</i>	<i>South Cambridgeshire</i>	<i>Cambridge city</i>
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

