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**Request:**

I would like to request information about the number of children in care in your area.

If possible, please could you provide a breakdown of the following for each of the last 10 calendar years, including the year to date:

The following information for each of the calendar years can be found in the links below.

- 1) The number of children in the care of your local authority  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-looked-after-children>  
The number of children in foster care  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/childrens-social-care-statistics#fostering>
- 3) The number of children in a Children’s Home  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-secure-children-s-homes>
- 2) The approved budgets for children’s social care services – this can be broken down by financial year if this is how it’s recorded. (If the council does not categorise children’s social care services in this way, please provide the figure for all children’s services excluding education.)

The net budget for Children’s Social Care Services is shown in the table below. The figure for 2018/19 includes contingency provision for demand led services.

Year	Net Budget £'000
2009/10	16,903
2010/11	17,262
2011/12	17,937
2012/13	18,320
2013/14	18,619
2014/15	17,147

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<b>2015/16</b>	<b>17,615</b>
<b>2016/17</b>	<b>18,691</b>
<b>2017/18</b>	<b>18,535</b>
<b>2018/19</b>	<b>19,395</b>

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