

Ein cyf / Our ref: ATISN 13709

Dyddiad / Date: 17/02/2020

Dear ,

ATISN 13709 – Request for information on children in care.

Thank you for your request which we received on 21/01/2019.

I will respond to each point of your request in turn.

1. How many registered children’s homes and places in children’s homes were there in Wales in each local authority area in the years 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19?

This information is attached. Please note these figures are snapshots of the numbers of children’s homes and their maximum capacity registered as at 31 March in the three years 2017, 2018 and 2019.

2. How many unused children’s homes places were there in Wales in the past year at local authority and regional level in the years 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19

a) Each month

b) Annually?

Care Inspectorate Wales do not collect data on the number of unused places in homes. During our Children’s Homes Review in 2018, we asked providers for the number of children accommodated in the homes on 31 July 2018. This data is publically available in table 6, page 43 of our report ‘National Review of Care Homes for Children in Wales: 2018-19’ which can be found via this link: <https://careinspectorate.wales/190926-national-review-care-children-wales>. When reviewing this data, it is important to note the number of unused places does not mean these places are available to be used.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

This is because the particular circumstances or needs of the children already living in the home may mean they are unable to take any further placements.

3. With reference to the inspection of children's homes, in 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19 how many children living in children's homes in Wales were found to be at risk or involved in child criminal exploitation?

This information is not held by Care Inspectorate Wales nor Welsh Government. During inspection, CIW speaks to children and staff and reviews care records in order to assess the quality of care provided and outcomes achieved. However we do not keep records of individual children's needs.

4. In reference to question 3), what proportion of all children living in children's homes in Wales were found to be at risk or involved in child criminal exploitation?

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Yours sincerely