

11 June 2024

Dear

**ATISN 19578**

Thank you for your request which I received on 14 May 2024. You asked for the following information:

*Information held within the Looked After Children Census dataset, broken down by year and by local authority between 2003 and 2023.*

*Number of children who were placed into a placement with the H5 code.*

*Number of children under the age of 12 broken down by year with the H5 code.*

*Number of children under the age of 12 with the H5 code who spent over 1 week in their placement, broken down by year.*

*Number of children who were placed into a placement with a the P2 code.*

*Number of children under the age of 12 broken down by year with the P2 code.*

*Number of children under the age of 12 with the P2 code who spent over 1 week in their placement.*

The information you have requested can be found at Annex 1.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit  
Welsh Government  
Cathays Park  
Cardiff  
CF10 3NQ

or e-mail: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

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Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane

Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

## Annex 1

The number of children looked after placed in hostels and supportive residential settings other than a care home service for children (H5 code) on 31 March can be found on StatsWales: <https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Health-and-Social-Care/Social-Services/Childrens-Services/Children-Looked-After/childrenlookedafterat31march-by-localauthority-placementtype>

At a Wales level there were 19 children under the age of twelve placed in hostels and supportive residential settings other than a care home service for children (H5 code) between 31 March 2003 to 2023.

As requested, a local authority breakdown is provided but these are zero or redacted due to small numbers and the associated risk of disclosure. The table below is for 31 March 2003 to 2014. No children under the age of twelve were placed in hostels and supportive residential settings other than a care home service for children (H5 code) on 31 March 2015 to 2023.

### Children looked after under the age of twelve placed in hostels and supportive residential settings other than a care home service for children (H5 code) on 31 March by local authority, 2003 to 2014 [Note 1][Note 2]

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Isle of Anglesey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gwynedd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conwy	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denbighshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flintshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wrexham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powys	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ceredigion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pembrokeshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carmarthenshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swansea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
Neath Port Talbot	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	0	*	*	*
Bridgend	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vale of Glamorgan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cardiff	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rhondda Cynon Taf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merthyr Tydfil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caerphilly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blaenau Gwent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Torfaen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monmouthshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>All Welsh local authorities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*	<b>0</b>	*	*	*

Source: SSDA903 return and Children looked after census, Welsh Government

[Note 1] Excludes children looked after exclusively under a series of short breaks.

[Note 2] All figures have been rounded to the nearest five. Where there are fewer than five children in any group, the actual number has been suppressed and replaced by the symbol \*.

All children under the age of twelve placed in hostels and supportive residential settings other than a care home service for children (H5 code) on 31 March had spent over one week in their placement.

The number of children looked after placed in independent living (P2 code) on 31 March can be found on StatsWales: <https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Health-and-Social-Care/Social-Services/Childrens-Services/Children-Looked-After/childrenlookedafterat31march-by-localauthority-placementtype>

No children under the age of twelve were placed in independent living (P2 code) on 31 March 2003 to 2023.