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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI704387821**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Looked After Children Placements.

You have requested the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would appreciate your assistance by providing the following brief information regarding the commissioning and placement of Looked After Children aged under 16 into residential homes from your local authority:

1. Name, direct email address, and direct dial contact number for the manager responsible for placements of Looked After Children into residential homes.

Please email: childrensplacements@coventry.gov.uk

2. General generic departmental email address used specifically for receiving communication with providers for referrals to source placements of Looked After Children aged under 16.

Please email: childrensplacements@coventry.gov.uk

3. Does your local authority currently use a specific framework for residential placements for Looked After Children aged under 16? If yes, please provide the framework's name and the email address or precise details of whom to contact for information on joining this framework.

Coventry currently uses the West Midlands joint framework for residential placements. This is

coming to an end in September 2025 and is currently out for retender. For further details please email wmcommissioninghub@coventry.gov.uk

4. Does your local authority make direct placements with residential providers, or are placements exclusively commissioned through a framework or placement portal? If exclusively via a framework or portal, please specify which one is used?

Coventry Children's services uses both the above framework, block contracts and direct commissioning dependent on the needs of the child/young person.

5. How many children under 17 years old (inclusive) are currently placed in Ofsted residential children's homes by the local authority on spot purchase arrangements?

As of 31st March 2025: 29

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Yours faithfully

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