

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 29th JANUARY 2019**

**Question**

Further to the response to Written Question 283/2018 on 3rd December 2018, will the Minister indicate the nature of any care or treatment received by the children placed in the U.K.; and will he state the total cost of each placement to which the response referred?

**Answer**

Individual information is not provided for each child as this could lead to identification.

Each child who is placed in the UK has an individual care plan and support in place to meet assessed need. Each looked after child has their placement and care plan reviewed on at least a six-monthly basis.

The nature of care or treatment includes the matching of a child's needs to the type of placement e.g. therapeutic placement, residential school, specialist foster placement or long-term/permanent foster placement. Many children receive education within the same placement, while others may attend specialist education units or mainstream local schools. Some children will have additional support in their education placement.

The residential units are usually small with a high staff/child ratio and specialist foster placements often adopt a 'team around the child' approach with therapists and high levels of support to the carer to try and ensure the placement is sustained.

While in placement, children can receive support or 'treatment' as appropriate to their care plan including psychological support, play/art therapy, counselling and restorative work.

The total cost of each placement is detailed below:

Year	Number of Children	Total Cost of each placement
2014	3	£478, 525.16 £759, 525 £420, 300
2015	0	
2016	3	£763, 308 (to date) £763, 308 (to date) £604, 320 (to date)
2017	3	£325, 000 £252, 200 £225, 384
2018	2	£86, 450 £95, 948
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	