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Dear Angela

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NUMBER 1682

To ask the Secretary of State for Education, which local authorities do not own a children’s residential care home.

Your recent Parliamentary Question has been passed to me, as Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector, for response.

The figures below date from 31 March 2019.

There are three categories of children’s homes in England.

- children’s homes (including respite/short break only homes) – 2,221 settings
- residential special schools registered as children’s homes – 69 settings
- secure children’s homes – 14 settings

Children’s homes can be owned by local authorities, charities or private organisations. Local authorities commission places for individual children.

As at 31 March 2019, 47 of 152 local authorities did not own any children’s homes of any of the three types. These were:

Barking and Dagenham
Bath and North East Somerset
Bexley
Bournemouth
Bromley
Bury
Cambridgeshire
Camden
Cheshire East
City of London
Doncaster
Ealing
Enfield
Hackney
Haringey
Havering
Herefordshire
Isles of Scilly
Islington
Kingston upon Thames
Lambeth
Leicestershire
Lewisham
Merton
Newham
North Somerset
Poole
Redbridge
Redcar and Cleveland
Richmond Upon Thames
Rutland
Sandwell
Slough
Solihull
Southampton
Southend on Sea
Sunderland
Sutton
Swindon
Telford and Wrekin
Thurrock
Torbay
Tower Hamlets
Warwickshire
Westminster
Windsor and Maidenhead
Wolverhampton

Additionally, South Gloucestershire only owned a secure children's home in their area.
I hope you find the information helpful.

Yours sincerely

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