

Survey sent to local authorities

Do you work in a:	
Local authority	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's home: run by a private organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's home: run by a local authority	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Your URN (This is in the format SC999999 or 9999999 for newly registered providers Your URN is located on your registration certificate or latest Ofsted report) <i>We will use this alongside our existing datasets to identify trends and demographic patterns.</i>	
What is your job role? <i>(we recommend that this survey be completed by someone whose role relates to placement decision-making)</i>	
Registered manager	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Commissioning manager	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsible individual	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify):	

The term 'complex needs' can be interpreted in many ways. What needs do you consider to come under the term 'complex needs'?

Please select all that apply and if you want to add further details about specific needs within a selected category, please do in the text boxes.

Physical health-related (e.g., care needs, addiction and/or substance misuse)	Y	N
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If you want to add further detail about specific physical health-related needs, please do below.

Behaviour-related (e.g., violence, offending behaviour)	Y	N
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If you want to add further detail about specific behaviour-related needs, please do below.

Safeguarding-related (e.g., missing, vulnerable to CSE, gangs, experienced abuse and/or neglect)	Y	N
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If you want to add further detail about specific safeguarding-related needs, please do below.

Mental health (e.g., depression, self-harm, mental health disorder, suicide ideation, experienced trauma)	Y	N
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If you want to add further detail about specific Mental health needs, please do below.

Social (e.g., family contact)	Y	N
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If you want to add further detail about specific social needs, please do below.

Learning needs (e.g., learning difficulties, autism, sensory impairment)	Y	N
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If you want to add further detail about specific learning needs, please do below.

Other needs (please specify):

Does your local authority experience difficulty in finding suitable homes for children with complex needs?

	Never <input type="checkbox"/>	Rarely <input type="checkbox"/>	Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/>	Often <input type="checkbox"/>	Always <input type="checkbox"/>
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Which needs make it difficult for you to find an appropriate home for a child?

Please select all that apply and if you want to add further details about specific needs within a selected category, please do in the text boxes.

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Other needs (please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Of the needs that you selected on the previous page, which one makes it the most difficult for you to find an appropriate home for a child?

Physical health-related	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mental health needs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Behaviour-related	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safeguarding related	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social needs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning needs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other needs (please specify):	

Based on your selection above:

In your experience children with these needs...	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
Have to be placed out of area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experience planned moves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experience unplanned moves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have referrals rejected by homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are served notice by their setting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

We are interested in why it is difficult to find appropriate homes for children with these needs.

To what extent are the following reasons true for your LA:

Homes cannot meet the child's needs because of:	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
The level, or specialist nature, of care required	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Risk of disruption to other children in the home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Risk to staff or other children in home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issues with recruiting appropriately trained staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A lack of homes that reflect the wishes of the child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A lack of appropriate homes within the required area (according to the child's care plan)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Homes can meet the child's needs but reject referrals due to:

Concerns about the impact on staffing ratios	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Concerns about impact on Ofsted inspection outcome	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

There are difficulties in commissioning homes because:

Lack of co-ordination between agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The cost of placements is too high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify):

How often is the plan for children with complex needs to remain in a children's home until they leave care (or other permanence outcome)?

	Never <input type="checkbox"/>	Rarely <input type="checkbox"/>	Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/>	Often <input type="checkbox"/>	Always <input type="checkbox"/>
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For these children, how long does it take to find a suitable permanent placement that is in line with their care plan?

Please specify time unit (i.e., days, weeks or months)

Average -

Longest -

Shortest -

For children you could not find a suitable placement for, what did you do?

We are interested in hearing about your experiences of supporting children with complex needs:

What has worked well for you to achieve stability and permanence for children with complex needs?

What would help you to better support children with complex needs to ensure stability and permanence?

How are the views and wishes of children with complex needs considered when making decisions about where they live and their care?

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Other (please specify):	

Are you a secure children's home?					
Yes					
No					
Is your home able to accept referrals for children with complex needs?					
	Never <input type="checkbox"/>	Rarely <input type="checkbox"/>	Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/>	Often <input type="checkbox"/>	Always <input type="checkbox"/>

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Other needs (please specify):		<input type="checkbox"/>

In your home's registration and statement of purpose, you will have outlined the care needs that you are able to meet within your home. When receiving a referral for a child whose primary needs can be met at your home, what further needs or factors would cause you to reject the referral?

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Other needs (please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>			
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Based on your response to the previous question, which further need or factor makes it the most difficult for you to accept into your home?

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Safeguarding related	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mental health needs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social needs	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Other needs (please specify):	

We are interested in the reasons that make it difficult for homes to accept referrals for children with these needs.

To what extent are the following reasons true for you:

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