

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN FACTS AND FIGURES



Where full year data is given below it is taken from the last full reporting year of 2021/22, and population figures from the Census 2021.

THE CITY

- 8,500 residents live in the Square Mile*
- 800 are aged 0-19 years
- 1,200 are aged 65 and over
- There about 50 births each year

*The second smallest residential population in the capital is the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea with 143,000 residents.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE

- 165 residents requested support from Adult Social Care Services. Requests for help have increased by six per cent over the last four years but among those aged over 65, requests for help have increased by 73 per cent in the same period.
- 19 residents were placed in residential or nursing care, whilst 78 received care in their homes.
- Of those receiving long term support, 43% were of working age and 57% were aged over 65.
- Adult Social Care services currently support around 30 carers.
- Over the past 5 years, Safeguarding Adults Concerns have increased by 88% (an increase of 28 cases) and enquiries by 50% (an increase of 10 cases).

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE

- 18 children were supported as Children in Need (children and families where an assessment has identified the need for help and support for a range of issues) at the end of October 2022.
- No children were subject to a Child Protection Plan (put in place where social workers have reasonable suspicion that a child is suffering, or likely to suffer, significant harm at that time); one child has been subject to such a plan this year, compared to five last year in 2021/22.
- There were 11 Children Looked After (children and young people who are provided with accommodation for a continuous period) at the end of October 2022
- The number of Children Looked After has decreased, but as they leave care they become Care Leavers – the number of which has grown from 42 at the end of 2020/21, to 55 at the end of 2021/22 and 57 at October 2022.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY (SEND)

There are currently 19 children and young people in the City with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP- for children and young people aged up to 25 who need more support). This number has increased over the last five years from 13 at the end of 2017/18.

EDUCATION

- 34 applications were made this year for primary school places – of which 94% got their first choice.
- ...and 34 secondary school applications – of which 72% of children got their first choice.

HOUSING

- The City manages 12 housing estates, across 7 London Boroughs, with 2,909 homes in its management. Residents on our social housing estates are both social housing tenants and leaseholders.
- The total housing stock comprises 1,955 social housing units and 954 leaseholders. We also have 2,100 homes on the Barbican Residential Estate - the majority privately owned, 70 are let but not social housing.
- There are currently 824 households on the City's Housing waiting list, of which, 327 are in the two highest need categories/bands (Part VI Housing Act 1996 reasonable preference categories).

HOMELESSNESS AND ROUGH SLEEPING

- 428 people approached the City Corporation for help because of the risk of experience of homelessness – an increase of 26% on 2020/21; the majority of these were connected to the City through work.
- 45 households were placed into temporary accommodation in 2021/22, an increase of a quarter from the previous year.
- 372 people were recorded as sleeping on the streets of the Square Mile in 2021/22 – the seventh highest among London's local authorities – an increase on the previous year, but down from 2018/19 (441 people) and 2019/20 (434 people).
- Half of those sleeping rough were new to the streets of London and 38 had long term histories of rough sleeping. In 2020/21, the recorded rough sleeping in the City fell to 350 in response to London wide initiatives to house every rough sleeper during the pandemic.

COMMISSIONED DELIVERY

- 144 contracts - not including social care placements – under management with a total value over the contract duration of over £25,000,000.

LIBRARIES

- 266,000 physical items (books, CDs, DVDs) were borrowed in 2021/22 (pre-covid, average was approx. 450,000).
- 59,000 e-books/e-audiobooks/e-magazines were borrowed in 2021-22.
- 172,000 visits to the libraries in 2021/22 (pre-covid approx. 400,000 annually).
- 454 events for adults and 549 events for children and families hosted in 2021/22 with 13,400 attendees.