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**Request and response:**

**This request concerns Deprivation of Liberty orders for children (those aged under 16) and young people (those aged 16 and 17). The Court of Protection can authorise a Deprivation of Liberty order for persons aged 16 or 17 and the High Court can authorise a Deprivation of Liberty order for a child (i.e. 0-15) or a young person (16-17) by invoking its Inherent Jurisdiction.**

**1/ How many a) children aged 15 years old and under and b) children aged 16-17 years old have been subject to Deprivation of Liberty orders since April 2016? Please break down by the route by which the child or young person was placed on a deprivation of liberty order: a) High Court inherent jurisdiction; b) Court of Protection authorisation; and c) Any other means, such as Local Authority sanctioning by another means**

Aged Under 15 = One through inherent jurisdiction of the High Court

Aged 16-17 = 12 Children & young people through CoP (Court of Protection)

**2/ How many a) children aged 15 and under and b) children aged 16-17 years old who are subject to Deprivation of Liberty orders have been placed in unregulated semi-independent accommodation since April 1st 2016?**

Of the 12 aged 16-17, none have been accommodated in unregulated accommodation.

**3/ How many a) children aged 15 and under and b) children aged 16-17 years old who are subject to Deprivation of Liberty orders have had a section 47 investigation triggered while staying in an unregulated home since April 1st 2016? For clarification, information about a section 47 investigation can be found here:**

[https://www.proceduresonline.com/halton/cs/p\\_sec\\_47\\_eng.html](https://www.proceduresonline.com/halton/cs/p_sec_47_eng.html) For clarification, unregulated provision is defined here:

<https://socialcareinspection.blog.gov.uk/2019/07/08/unregistered-and-unregulated-provision-whats-the-difference/>

None

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