



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 003702
Date 24 June 2019

Care Leavers or Eligible Young People

Request:

In regards to the freedom of information act please can you provide the following.

How many care leavers or eligible young people 16 to 18 years are living within supported or semi supported accommodation in 2017/2018?

[0 of the current care leaver cohort aged 16-18 were in supported accommodation in the year 2017/18.](#)

How many care leavers or eligible young people 18-24 years are living within supported or semi supported accommodation?

[117 of the current care leaver cohort aged 18-24 were in supported accommodation in the year 2017/18.](#)

What is the weekly cost inclusive of support hours and accommodation for placing a 16 to 18 years within semi supported accommodation? Please provide minimum, average and maximum costs weekly.

[We do not contract on a weekly basis for support. In terms of accommodation costs, this is in line with local housing allowance rates and housing benefit.](#)

What is the weekly cost inclusive of support hours and accommodation for placing an adult 18 to 24 years within semi supported accommodation? Please provide minimum, average and maximum costs weekly.

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What is the average weekly amount of support hours required by 16-18 year olds?

[Support hours are delivered on a needs led basis and therefore are changeable.](#)

How do I join the "regional framework for supported accommodation for 16-18 year old care leavers?

[The regional framework for supported accommodation is held by Staffordshire County council. Please contact them directly.](#)

Is the regional framework for Supported accommodation, open for accepting new providers?

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How do I gain access to "The West Midlands Placement Portal" as a new provider?
With reference to your above question, your request for information has now been considered and the City of Wolverhampton Council is not obliged to supply the information you requested for the reasons set out below.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires City of Wolverhampton Council, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states the fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies:

In relation to your particular request, the following exemption applies:

Section 21 – Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means

We can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it on our website via the following link:

Please visit <https://www.placementsportal.co.uk/pp/Default.aspx> and register.

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

Can you provide me with "The specification for the Regional Framework for Supported Accommodation document, which describes what is required of supported accommodation providers?

The regional framework for supported accommodation is held by Staffordshire County council. Please contact them directly.

Can you provide me with a document which outlines your specifications/requirements/expectations for supported accommodation providers?
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<https://procontract.due-north.com/Opportunities/Index?resetFilter=True&applyFilter=True&p=cdcfff6b-8cbd-e611-8118-000c29c9ba21&v=1>

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Whom shall I approach within your council to discuss commissioning/ service provision / rates and referrals?

Please email people.commissioning@wolverhampton.gov.uk and your email will be delegated to appropriate officer.

Can you explain your commissioning process for private residential care providers/private supported accommodation providers? Do you spot purchase, have framework contracts/agreement or block contracts?

The commissioning process involves tendering to a secure provision. We procure provision to all approaches you have mentioned.

Do organisations need to go through the tendering process to accommodate care leavers/young people (16-24 years old) on a spot purchase basis?

No but organisations will need to go through quality assurance.

What are the benefits of being contracted by yourself?

Please visit <http://www.investwolverhampton.com/invest/city-in-profile/> for more information.