

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000148
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Children's Residential Care and Home Support

Request:

I would like to lodge a FOI request regarding the authority's current arrangements for the commissioning of Children's Social Care services, specifically Residential Care and Home Support. (Home Support - Care delivered in the Service User's home).

1. What contracting methods are in place for Children's Residential Care and Home Support services e.g. Framework, Dynamic Purchasing System or Approved Provider List?
 - Residential Care Home Block Bed Contract
 - Residential Call-off Framework Agreement (led and owned by Sandwell MBC) on behalf of West Midlands region
 - Home Support - Community Short Breaks Framework Contract (Wolverhampton only)
2. When do the current contractual arrangements expire for Children's Residential Care and Home Support?
 - Residential Care Home Block Bed Contract – 31/03/2017 (w/ extension option up to 31/03/22)
 - Residential Framework – 09/11/2016 (w/ extension option 09/01/2018)
 - Short Breaks – 30/04/2019 (w/ extension option 30/04/2020)
3. How many providers are working with the authority under the given contract method for Children's Residential Care and Home Support?
 - Residential Care Home Block Bed Contract – One Provider
 - Residential Framework – 130 Providers
 - Short Breaks – 3 Providers
4. What was the authority's yearly spend on Children's Residential Care and Home Support for financial year 2014/2015?
Expenditure 2014/15 – Residential Care is £4,631,499.
Expenditure 2014/15 – Home Support is £100,912
5. What proportion of Children's Residential Care and Home Support services were purchased outside of the existing contractual arrangements i.e. were "Spot Purchased"?
 - Residential Framework - 27% of residential children's home placements were purchased outside the existing framework

- Short Breaks – unavailable
6. Who is the lead commissioner (or Head of Commissioning) for Children's Residential Care and Home Support for the authority?
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