

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL

Response to Request for Information

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Care Leavers

Request:

1. How do you currently accommodate care leavers/young people (16-24 years old) within your borough?
[There are a variety of accommodation options available for Care Leavers in Wolverhampton:](#)

- a) [Supported Lodgings.](#)
- b) [Access to the Social Inclusion Pathway via the Wolverhampton Young Persons Accommodation Forum.](#)
- c) [Internal Housing Supported Service offering 30 semi-independent flats with Related Support.](#)
- d) [West Midland Sub Regional Accommodation Framework.](#)

[The suitability of accommodation is dependent on the individual Care Leavers needs.](#)

2. Can you explain your commissioning process for private residential care providers/private supported living providers? Do you spot purchase, have framework contacts/agreement or block contracts?
[There are frameworks for supported accommodation and framework residential provision under young people who are supported as LAC. For adults aged 18- 65 only where it is evidenced that residential placement is in the persons best interests we use spot placements.](#)
3. Do organizations need to go through the tendering process to accommodate care leavers/young people (16-24 years old) on a spot purchase basis? Where will all future opportunities be advertised, if the Council is looking to source additional accommodation on a spot purchase arrangement?
[The frameworks are tendered under OJEU provision. Tendering opportunities are advertised on the Due North website. See link provided below:
<https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>](#)
4. Do you operate an approved providers list of private residential care providers/private supported living providers? If so how do I register?

No

5. How many care leavers/young people (16 &17 years old) are currently in private residential care/private supported accommodation? Do you require more providers?

Currently 20 young people.

6. How many care leavers/young people (18 years old and above) are currently in private residential care/private supported accommodation? Do you require more providers?

Currently 13 young people.

7. How many care leavers or eligible young people (16 &17 years old) are living in private residential care/private supported accommodation with support of 10 hours or more?

In respect of your question 7, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we do not currently monitor hours of support. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

8. How many care leavers or eligible young people (18 years old and above) are living in private residential care/private supported accommodation with support of 10 hours or more?

In respect of your question 8, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we do not currently monitor hours of support. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

9. What is the average weekly cost of placing a child (16 &17 years old) in a private residential care/private supported accommodation?

In respect of your question 9, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information in the category you have requested as we do not separate out 16 & 17 year olds. Consequently, we are unable to provide this specific information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

However, we can supply you with the indicative cost of supported accommodation which is £1,200 which we hope will be of help.

10. What is the average weekly cost of placing an adult (18-24 years old) in a private residential care/private supported accommodation?
Average weekly cost = £1,029
11. How can a private residential care/private supported accommodation approach the council when wishing to introduce their service?
New entrants to the market often email details of their offer to the head of the personalised support team. Residential provider forums are held and all members of the West Midlands Carehome association are invited including those new to the market. For supported accommodation this will only be accommodated when the existing framework is opened.
12. Who should be approached within the council to discuss commissioning, service provision, rates and referrals?
This depends on the service area; commissioning of a new service would generally be determined by the head of a specific service area who would then seek advice and support from commissioning and procurement on the relevant governance processes.