

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002102
Date 21 March 2018

Care Leavers Semi-Supported Accommodation

Request:

1. How many care leavers or eligible young people 16 to 17 years are living within supported or semi supported accommodation in 2017/2018?
[As at 14 March 2018 = 15](#)
2. How many care leavers or eligible young people 18-24 years are living within supported or semi supported accommodation?
[As at 14 March 2018 = 57](#)
3. What is the weekly cost inclusive of support hours and accommodation for placing a 16 to 17 years within semi supported accommodation? Please provide minimum, average and maximum costs weekly.
[The Council has a block contract that consists of the average cost is dependent on need. Some young people require intense support and others require low level support. The City of Wolverhampton have a block contract with YMCA \(commissioned provider\) to support 16–25 year olds. This includes 32 units for high level support, 17 units for medium support, 13 units for low level support, 10 units for supporting lodging and 8 units for looked after children.](#)
4. 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.
[See response provided above for question 3.](#)
5. What is the average weekly amount of support hours required by 16-17 year olds?
[Support hours can vary from 5 hours up to 24 hours per week due to young people being in different provisions and the level of support being determined by their individual needs.](#)
6. How do I join the “regional framework for supported accommodation for 16-17 year old care leavers?”
[The framework is commissioned regionally and providers would need to submit tenders.](#)

7. Is the regional framework for Supported accommodation, open for accepting new providers?
No – contract may end on 8 January 2019 or be extended to 8 December 2021.

8. How do I gain access to “The West Midlands Placement Portal” as a new provider?
Please see response to question 10. below.

9. Can you provide me with “The specification for the Regional Framework for Supported Accommodation document, which describes what is required of supported accommodation providers?
Please see response to question 10. below.

10. Can you provide me with a document which outlines your specifications/requirements/expectations for supported accommodation providers?
In respect of question 10, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information.

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".

However, we can inform you that the contract is managed regionally by Staffordshire CC.

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

12. 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?
For under 18's we access provision via the regional Supported Accommodation Framework

City of Wolverhampton Council also has a contract for provision of Young People Supported Lodgings and Housing Support and Social Inclusion and was subject to a full tender process to award the contract.

13. Do organisations need to go through the tendering process to accommodate care leavers/young people (16-24 years old) on a spot purchase basis?
City of Wolverhampton Council use the contracted service for supported accommodation.

If the contracted service cannot accept the referral, placement requests are published on West Midlands Portal and spot purchase if there is no match.

14. What is the weekly cost for floating support for 16-24 year olds, living within a training flat?

The average cost for a worker is £29.03 per hour. Hours are variable depending on level of support required.