



Response to Request for Information

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Young Parents Scheme

Request:

I would like to know if you operate a 'Young Parents Scheme' in your local authority area. This is a housing scheme for 16-25 year olds where they live in supported accommodation and are able to access help to learn how to cook and live independently. These schemes are usually available for young mums and sometimes dads for up to one year.

I would like to know

- 1) How many of these schemes you run or have commissioned to be run by private companies in total for each of the following years; 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018?
- 2) I would like to know how many flats are in each of these schemes?
- 3) I would like to know the names of the schemes?
- 4) If you don't run a Young Parents Scheme can you please direct me to any online information you have detailing the support available to young parents?

City of Wolverhampton Council has a contract in place with Bromford Housing Association Limited (Residential Social Landlord) to provide both accommodation-based and floating support services to young families. The contract duration is December 2013 – December 2018 with an option to extend for a further 2 years to December 2020.

Prior to December 2013, City of Wolverhampton Council held four contracts for housing related support services for young families. Two of these were held by Bromford Housing Association Limited and were for a floating support service (from December 2008 until December 2013) and an accommodation based service (from May 2009 until December 2013). One contract was held by Nehemiah United Churches Housing Association for an accommodation based service (from December 2008 until December 2013). One contract was held by Heantun Housing for a floating support service (from February 2009 until December 2013).

Accommodation-based Service

The Service delivers short-term interventions (up to 2 years) to at least 19 young and expectant parents – men, women, single or couples, aged 16-21 years and who are vulnerable to homelessness and have support needs. The purpose of the Service is to provide a stable environment which enables service user self-development to support sustainable independent living. Units of accommodation are located across 2 geographical locations within Wolverhampton. As part of this provision, 2 units of accommodation are retained for women fleeing the sex industry.

The contract previously held by Bromford Housing Association Limited delivered the same service as described above but for nine young and expectant parents at any one time. The service was located at one location in Wolverhampton.

The contract previously held by Nehemiah United Churches Housing Association also delivered the same service as described but for 10 young and expectant parents at any one time. The service was located at one location in Wolverhampton.

Floating Support Service

The Service delivers short-term interventions (up to 2 years) to at least 31 young and expectant parents – men, women, single or couples, aged 16-25 years and who are vulnerable and have support needs. The purpose of the Service is to minimise the risk of homelessness by supporting service users with a range of housing-related activities to maintain independent and inclusive lives as part of the community. As part of this provision 2 places are retained for women fleeing the sex industry.

The contract previously held by Bromford Housing Association delivered the same service as described above but for 16 young and expectant parents at any one time.

The contract previously held by Heantun Housing also delivered the same service as described but for 15 young and expectant parents at any one time.