

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002372
Date 5 June 2018

Children/Young People in Care

Request:

- 1) Please provide the number of children/ young people in care (CLA) at March 31st 2018.
641
- 2) Please provide the number of CLA placed in residential children's homes at March 31st 2018.
41
- 3) Please provide the number of CLA placed out of borough / authority boundary in residential children's homes at March 31st 2018.
31
- 4) What provision do you have for residential children's services (e.g. in house, frameworks, blocks, spots) and how many placements did these arrangements accommodate for 2016/17.
- 5) If you have internal provision for children's residential homes, please specify the number of homes and beds within each home.
- 6) If you have a block contract for children's residential homes, please specify the number of homes and beds within each home.
- 7) Please specify the provider name of any block contracts for children's residential home's you have, broken down by the number of beds they are contracted to provide if more than one provider.
- 8) For any block contracts, please specify when these contracts commenced and the duration of these contracts.
In response to questions 4 to 7 above, during 2016/17 we had an average of 33 children in residential placements at any time this has been fairly consistent for the past three years. For the year 2016/17 we had no in-house provision, a three-bedded block contract which was full for most of the year. We place through the West Midlands Residential Framework led by Sandwell Council and spot purchase as required. The split between framework and non-framework placements is 65%/35%.

- 9) Please provide details for the actual spend for 2016/17 for your council owned (in house) Residential Children's Home Placements.
Nil
- 10) Please provide details for the actual spend for 2016/17 for Residential Children's Home Placements commissioned from Block Contracts.
Total Block Contract actual spend 2016-2017 (pooled arrangement) - £395,956, of which City of Wolverhampton Council's share was £239,553.
- 11) Please provide details- role, name, job title, email address for staff within your authority involved in the commissioning of provision for CLA.
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