

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL

Response to Request for Information

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Residential Children's Home

Request:

1. Please can you detail the weekly cost (minimum and maximum) you currently pay for children accommodated to private children home providers for the following:
 - a. Children's Home - Standard 2 or 1 bedded
 - b. Children's Home - Standard 3+ bedded
 - c. Children's Home with Therapy and Education

In respect of your above questions, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information in a reportable format.

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 this information should be available from Sandwell Council who are the lead authority.

2. How many residential children home (new) placements did you make in
 - a. 2015 – 2016
 - b. 2016 – 2017

The above to include the number placed in:

- a. Private providers.
- b. Local authorities.
- c. Volunteer / charities.

In respect of question 2a, 2b and 2c, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold information in the format requested. We can only split this information by external and internal.

Consequently, we are unable to provide the information requested 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".

Therefore, please see below the information for the years 2015 – 2017 which have been split by external and internal which we hope will be of use.

	External	Internal
a. 2015 – 2016	60	26
b. 2016 – 2017	65	9

3. From the subset of placements which were placed in Private placements, can you please provide:

In respect of question 3, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold information in the format requested. We can only provide information for external placements.

Consequently, we are unable to provide the information requested 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".

Therefore, please see below information for external placements which we hope will be of use.

- i. How many of these were placed within your local authority

	External Placements Within Wolverhampton
2015 – 2016	19
2016 – 2017	17

- ii. How many within 20 miles from your boundary

	Within 20 Miles of Wolverhampton
2015 – 2016	17
2016 – 2017	27

- iii. How many further than 20 miles from your boundary.

	Further than 20 Miles from Wolverhampton
2015 – 2016	24
2016 – 2017	21

4. How many of the residential children home placements were made through:
- Framework
 - On the spot purchases

For the time period 2015 – 2016, we would confirm that the split of framework to non-framework placements is 65% to 35%.

5. Do you operate as part of a framework? If so please:
- Provide Framework Overview.
 - A list of all other local authorities in partnership.

City of Wolverhampton Council operates as part of the West Midlands framework, other authorities are Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall, Birmingham, Solihull, Warwickshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Coventry, Stoke, Staffordshire, Telford, Shropshire

6. Please provide a tender document.
Please refer to our response provided for question 1.

7. How many children's home are there in your region? Please provide a breakdown of the number:
- Run by your local authority = 0
 - Run by Private providers
 - Run by volunteer providers / charities.

In respect of question 7b and 7c, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold information in the format requested as we procure services registered as part of the framework.

Consequently, we are unable to provide the information requested 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. Please provide a list of all Private providers along with the number of places they offer.
Please refer to our response provided for question 1.