

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002967
Date 15 November 2018

Residential Homes

Request:

Our understanding is that there are very few to no homes that specialise with young females in care who are pregnant. And also believe 16 plus homes for males are in high demand.

As far as financial information I need to know what is paid to a home for children in care by yourselves for the ages of 9 to 18 for males.

Residential placements relating to males aged between 9 and 18 years

Current number – 29
Highest weekly cost - £6,944 per week
Lowest weekly cost - £1,270 per week
Average weekly cost - £3,591 per week

And females who are pregnant between 16 and 18.

In response to your above question, Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at:

Section 1(1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held.

The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

Therefore, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we do not analyse our information in the format requested.

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 are able to provide you with the following information that relates to residential placements relating to females aged between 16 and 18 years which we hope you will find useful.

Current number – 4

Highest weekly cost - £5,700 per week

Lowest weekly cost - £3,081 per week

Average weekly cost - £4,143 per week

As for statistics I would like to know how many 16 plus pregnant females are in care in the West Midlands area and also the same for males between the ages discussed above. Can you also provide how many are waiting for beds. And anymore information on what I would need both financial and statistic wise.

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The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

Therefore, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information and that you would have contact other Local Authorities for this 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:

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