

## Response to Request for Information

Reference            FOI 031675  
Date                    14 March 2016

### *Residential Children's Homes*

#### Request:

#### Commissioning

1. Indicate in the table below the details of the following staff within your local authority/CCG.

Role	Name	Job Title	Telephone Number	Email Address
Budget holder for independent residential children's homes	Alison Hinds	Head of LAC	01902 553035	<a href="mailto:Alison.hinds@wolverhampton.gov.uk">Alison.hinds@wolverhampton.gov.uk</a>
Commissioner for independent residential homes	Jan Barlow	Strategic Improvement Development Officers	01902 551464	<a href="mailto:jan.barlow@wolverhampton.gov.uk">jan.barlow@wolverhampton.gov.uk</a>
	Nick Price		01902 551961	<a href="mailto:nick.price@wolverhampton.gov.uk">nick.price@wolverhampton.gov.uk</a>
Budget holder for CAMHS	Margaret Courts, CCG	Children's Commissioning Manager – CCG	01902 444210	<a href="mailto:margaret.courts@nhs.net">margaret.courts@nhs.net</a>
	Kathy Roper/Mai Gibbons	Commissioning Manager Health and Disabilities/ Senior Commissioning Officer Camhs/SEND	01902 551104	<a href="mailto:Kathy.Roper@wolverhampton.gov.uk">Kathy.Roper@wolverhampton.gov.uk</a> <a href="mailto:mai.gibbons@wolverhampton.gov.uk">mai.gibbons@wolverhampton.gov.uk</a>
Commissioner for CAMHS	Margaret Courts, CCG	Children's Commissioning Manager – CCG	01902 444210	<a href="mailto:margaret.courts@nhs.net">margaret.courts@nhs.net</a>
	Mai Gibbons	Senior Commissioning Officer, Health and Disabilities	01902 551104	<a href="mailto:mai.gibbons@wolverhampton.gov.uk">mai.gibbons@wolverhampton.gov.uk</a>

Lead officer for the Placements team in your Council	<a href="#">Veronica Grantham</a>	Senior Placement Officer	01902 550364	<a href="mailto:Veronica.grantham@wolverhampton.co.uk">Veronica.grantham@wolverhampton.co.uk</a>
Lead officer for Supervised Contact in your Council	<a href="#">Diane Miller</a>	Contact Centre Manager	01902 553261	<a href="mailto:Diane.miller@wolverhampton.gov.uk">Diane.miller@wolverhampton.gov.uk</a>

### Spend of independent residential children's homes

2. Indicate in the table below the annual spend for the noted service areas and timeframes and the forecast for the same

Placement Type	Actual spend for 2014/15	Annual spend for 2015/16 (up to December 2015)	Forecast Expenditure for 2016/17 Financial Year
Your Council owned/run Residential Children's Homes Placements	<a href="#">£1,080,803</a>	<a href="#">£488,987</a>	<a href="#">£720,000</a>
Independent Residential Children's Homes Placements	<a href="#">£5,123,827</a>	<a href="#">£4,998,540</a>	<a href="#">£5,383,920</a>
CAMHS	<a href="#">£597,182</a>	<a href="#">£381,934</a>	<a href="#">£604,400</a>

### Placements data

3. Provide details required in the following tables:

	End of December 2014	End of December 2015	Forecast for 2016/17
Number of Children/young people in care (LAC)	<a href="#">786</a>	<a href="#">673</a>	
Number of children/young people in independent residential children's	<a href="#">16</a>	<a href="#">17</a>	

	2014/15	2015/16 (up to December 2015)	Forecast for 2016/17
Total number of children/young people that have been cared for and spent time in an independent residential children's home	<a href="#">28</a>	<a href="#">20</a>	

	2014/15	2015/16 (up to December 2015)	Forecast for 2016/17
The total number of children/young people placed out of borough or OOB in an independent residential children's home (defined as <b>not placed</b> within your Council boundary or that of a neighbouring local authorities boundary)	21	15	
The number children/young people placed in borough in an independent residential children's home (defined as <b>placed</b> within your Council boundary or that of a neighbouring local authorities boundary)	9	6	

(Numbers do not tally because some children, having had multiple residential placements in the timeframe, fit into both categories).

In respect of your above question where you ask for our forecast for 2016/17, 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".

4. Provide detail of the number of children who presented with the needs noted in the table below at the point of referral and for the timeframe indicated

OR

- 4.1 Using the list of needs in the table below, indicate (with an 'x') the 3 main needs by which children were referred during the timescale indicated to independent residential children's homes

Needs presented in the placement referral	2014/15	2015/16 (to December 2015)
SEN (requiring an EHC Plan)		
At risk of Child Sexual Exploitation (inc. sexualised behaviour)		
Mental Health Needs - defined as requiring some form of therapeutic intervention e.g. CBT, DBT, EMDR (but not exclusively these interventions)		
Attachment disorder(s)		
Challenging behaviour – defined as physically/verbally aggressive		
Self harming		
Offending behaviour		
Requiring on site/off-site education provision via the provider		

In respect of question 4, 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:

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### Referral process

5. Please provide the referral process (flowchart format, if possible) that your Commissioner(s) OR Placements Team uses for making referrals to independent residential children's homes.
  - Legal status confirmed/authorised
  - Search authorisation by Head of Looked After Children
  - Social worker completes referral
  - Placement Team circulates referral using existing commissioning framework
  - Placement Team consolidates placement offers
  - Placement Team sends offers to social worker
  - Social worker completes matching process
  - Social worker seeks cost authorisation from budget holder
  - Social worker arranges placement to commence

### Provider data

6. In the table below, list the providers that your Council currently have contracts with and that deliver/offer independent residential children's homes placements. \*

Name of provider

\*Please add as many rows/fields as you require in order to give a complete list of the providers your Council makes referrals to.

I can confirm that Wolverhampton City Council holds this information. The information you have requested is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain. To assist you the contract titles to look for are LAC Supported Accommodation Framework (Staffordshire CC Lead Authority) and West Midlands Residential Placements Framework (Sandwell Lead Authority). Please see link supplied below:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/article/6780/Contracts-Register>

### Contracting

7. Does your Council call-off independent residential children's homes placements from a framework agreement/contract? If Yes, please indicate:

Name of the framework	West Midlands Regional Framework
Duration of the framework (from mm/yyyy to mm/yyyy)	December 2014 - 2017
The names of other Local Authorities/Councils that are party to the framework	Sandwell, Birmingham, Dudley, Walsall, Solihull, Herefordshire, Staffordshire, Coventry, Warwickshire, Stoke, Telford and Wrekin, Shropshire
Is this a closed framework OR can other providers become party to the agreement (join) at any point during the life of the contract/agreement?	Closed
If other providers can join the framework, at what point/date is consideration given to other providers who wish to become party to the framework?	N/A
Does your Council hold any block contracts with independent children's homes providers? (Y/N)	Yes

### Placement cost

8. Please state the **highest, lowest and average cost per week** of a single residential placement for the timeframe indicated in the table below.

	Highest (either at the point of placement OR during the duration of the placement)	Lowest	Average
2013/14	£5,357	£444	£2,956
2014/15	£4,945	£2,100	£3,226
2015/16 (up to December 2015)	£4,945	£1,067	£3,167