

Response to Request for Information

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Care Leavers/Young People

Request:

Request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, relating care leavers.

1. How do you currently accommodate care leavers/young people(16-24 years old) within your borough?
[We have a range of housing options for our care leaves including internally provided housing support. In addition, we procure a block contract and we are part of the regional framework for supported accommodation.](#)
2. Can you explain your commissioning process for private residential care providers/private supported living providers? Do you spot purchase, have framework contacts/agreement or block contracts?
[We block purchase and we are part of the regional framework. Yes we do spot purchase.](#)
3. Do organisations need to go through the tendering process to accommodate care leavers/young people (16-24 years old) on a spot purchase basis? If so, information regarding the website to access will be valuable.
[No, but organisations will need to go through quality assurance.](#)
4. Do you operate an approved providers list of private residential care providers/private supported living providers? If so how do I register?
[This is a regional framework. Please contact Staffordshire county council directly.](#)
5. How many care leavers/young people (16&17 years olds) are currently in private residential care/private supported accommodation? Do you require more providers?
[25](#)
6. How many care leavers/young people (18 years old and above) are currently in private residential care/private supported accommodation? Do you require more providers?
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7. How many care leavers or eligible young people (16&17 years olds) are living in private residential care/private supported accommodation with support of 10 hours or more?

In response to question 7, 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.

In respect of question 7, 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 (10 hours or more).

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".

8. How many care leavers or eligible young people (18 years old and above) are living in private residential care/private supported accommodation with support of 10 hours or more?

See our response to question 7 above.

9. What is the average weekly cost of placing a child (16&17 years olds) in a private residential care/private supported accommodation?

Residential - £3,769

Supported Accommodation - £1,796

10. What is the average weekly cost of placing an adult (18-24 years old) in a private residential care/private supported accommodation?

There is a flat rate for different placement provisions, however cost is dictated by need.

11. How can a private residential care/private supported accommodation approach the Council when wishing to introduce their service?

Please email people.commissioning@wolverhampton.gov.uk

12. Who should be approached within the council to discuss commissioning, service provision, rates and referrals?

Commissioning team deals with all enquires.

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