

## Response to Request for Information

Reference      FOI 002735  
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### ***Supported Accommodation Framework***

#### **Request:**

I would like to make a freedom of information request in regards to the provision of supported accommodation services and outreach support services for all children aged 16-17 years old for whom the Local Authority has a statutory duty, including young people who are looked after, and/or leaving care and/or homeless and/or who are known to the youth offending service and/or are either at risk of offending, and/or the edge of custody, and/or released from custody.

The date period I am querying covers an 18 month period starting from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 – to 30th June 2018.

With reference to questions 1 – 10, your request for information has now been considered and the City of Wolverhampton Council is not obliged to supply the information you requested for the reasons set out below.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires City of Wolverhampton Council, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states the fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies:

In relation to your particular request, the following exemption applies:

#### **Section 12 - Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit**

We can confirm that the Council holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 allows a public authority to refuse a request if the cost of providing the information to the applicant would exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information.

The Regulations provide that the appropriate limit to be applied to requests received by local authorities is £450 (equivalent to 18 hours of work). In estimating the cost of complying with a request for information, an authority can only take into account any reasonable costs incurred in:

- (a) *Determining whether it holds the information,*
- (b) *Locating the information, or a document which may contain the information,*
- (c) *Retrieving the information, or a document which may contain the information,*  
*and*
- (d) *Extracting the information from a document containing it.*

*For the purposes of the estimate the costs of performing these activities should be estimated at a rate of £25 per hour.*

The information appertaining to your request is not easily accessible and as such this information is not held as a distinct set able to be retrieved or reported on. To get the information would require a full scale look into all individual records. This would be a manual exercise and as such we believe that the aggregated time it would take to collate the information would be in excess of 18 hours (equivalent to a notional cost of £450).

Excess cost removes the City of Wolverhampton Council's obligation under the Freedom of Information, however under Section 16 – (the duty to provide advice and assistance, the Council may be able to provide answers to the request, should you wish to submit a refined request.

1) Category 1 , 16 – 17 Year olds

- a) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 1 (Single Accommodation + face to face support hours as required) how many young people aged 16-17 years of age have been a classified as a category 1 over the specified period of time?
- b) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 1 (Single Accommodation + face to face support hours as required) what is the maximum, minimum and mean length of stay in days for 16-17 year olds over the specified time period?
- c) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 1 (Single Accommodation + face to face support hours as required) what the maximum, minimum and mean weekly cost of 16-17 year olds over the specified time period?

2) Category 1, 18-24 Year Olds

- a) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 1 (Single Accommodation + face to face support hours as required) how many young people aged 18-24 years of age have been a classified as a category 1 over the specified period of time?

- b) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 1 (Single Accommodation + face to face support hours as required) what is the maximum, minimum and mean length of stay in days for 18-24 year olds over the specified time period?
  - c) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 1 (Single Accommodation + face to face support hours as required) what the maximum, minimum and mean weekly cost of 18-24 year olds over the specified time period?
- 3) Category 2, 16-17 Year Olds
- a) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 2 (Shared 2-4 Accommodation + face to face support hours as required) how many young people aged 16-17 years of age have been a classified as a category 1 over the specified period of time?
  - b) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 2 (Shared 2-4 Accommodation + face to face support hours as required) what is the maximum, minimum and mean length of stay in days for 16-17 year olds over the specified time period?
  - c) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 2 (Shared 2-4 Accommodation + face to face support hours as required) what the maximum, minimum and mean weekly cost of 16-17 year olds over the specified time period?
- 4) Category 2 18-24 Year Olds
- a) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 2 (Shared 2-4 Accommodation + face to face support hours as required) how many young people aged 18-24 years of age have been a classified as a category 1 over the specified period of time?
  - b) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 2 (Shared 2-4 Accommodation + face to face support hours as required) what is the maximum, minimum and mean length of stay in days for 18-24 year olds over the specified time period?
  - c) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 2 (Shared 2-4 Accommodation + face to face support hours as required) what the maximum, minimum and mean weekly cost of 18-24 year olds over the specified time period?

5) Category 3 16-17 Year Olds

- a) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 3 (Outreach Support not linked to specific accommodation) how many young people aged 16-17 years of age have been a classified as a category 1 over the specified period of time?
- b) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 3 (Outreach Support not linked to specific accommodation) what is the maximum, minimum and mean length of stay in days for 16-17 year olds over the specified time period?
- c) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 3 (Outreach Support not linked to specific accommodation) what the maximum, minimum and mean weekly cost of 16-17 year olds over the specified time period?

6) Category 3 18-24 Year Olds

- a) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 3 (Outreach Support not linked to specific accommodation) how many young people aged 18-24 years of age have been a classified as a category 1 over the specified period of time?
- b) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 3 (Outreach Support not linked to specific accommodation) what is the maximum, minimum and mean length of stay in days for 18-24 year olds over the specified time period?
- c) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 3 (Outreach Support not linked to specific accommodation) what the maximum, minimum and mean weekly cost of 18-24 year olds over the specified time period?

7) Category 4, 16-17 year Olds

- a) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 4 (Shared 2+ with sleep in staff on site from 10.00pm to 7.00am each night, individual daytime support hours to meet the individual young person needs, which must be at least with a minimum of 2 hours face to face support per week. Staff to be on call 24 hours to provide support if necessary) How many young people aged 16-17 years of age have been a classified as a category 1 over the specified period of time?

- b) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 4 (Shared 2+ with sleep in staff on site from 10.00pm to 7.00am each night, individual daytime support hours to meet the individual young person needs, which must be at least with a minimum of 2 hours face to face support per week. Staff to be on call 24 hours to provide support if necessary) what is the maximum, minimum and mean length of stay in days for 16-17 year olds over the specified time period?
  - c) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 4 (Shared 2+ with sleep in staff on site from 10.00pm to 7.00am each night, individual daytime support hours to meet the individual young person needs, which must be at least with a minimum of 2 hours face to face support per week. Staff to be on call 24 hours to provide support if necessary) what the maximum, minimum and mean weekly cost of 16-17 year olds over the specified time period?
- 8) Category 4 18-24 Year Olds
- a) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 4 (Shared 2+ with sleep in staff on site from 10.00pm to 7.00am each night, individual daytime support hours to meet the individual young person needs, which must be at least with a minimum of 2 hours face to face support per week. Staff to be on call 24 hours to provide support if necessary) How many young people aged 18-24 years of age have been a classified as a category 1 over the specified period of time?
  - b) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 4 (Shared 2+ with sleep in staff on site from 10.00pm to 7.00am each night, individual daytime support hours to meet the individual young person needs, which must be at least with a minimum of 2 hours face to face support per week. Staff to be on call 24 hours to provide support if necessary) what is the maximum, minimum and mean length of stay in days for 18-24 year olds over the specified time period?
  - c) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 4 (Shared 2+ with sleep in staff on site from 10.00pm to 7.00am each night, individual daytime support hours to meet the individual young person needs, which must be at least with a minimum of 2 hours face to face support per week. Staff to be on call 24 hours to provide support if necessary) what the maximum, minimum and mean weekly cost of 18-24 year olds over the specified time period?

9) Category 5 16-17 Year Olds

- a) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 5 (Shared 2+ with staff on site 24/7 with daytime support hours to meet the individual young person's needs, which must be at least with a minimum of 2 hours face to face support per week. Additional staff available to support individual young people within the community) How many young people aged 16-17 years of age have been a classified as a category 1 over the specified period of time?
- b) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 5 (Shared 2+ with staff on site 24/7 with daytime support hours to meet the individual young person's needs, which must be at least with a minimum of 2 hours face to face support per week. Additional staff available to support individual young people within the community) what is the maximum, minimum and mean length of stay in days for 16-17 year olds over the specified time period?
- c) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 5 (Shared 2+ with staff on site 24/7 with daytime support hours to meet the individual young person's needs, which must be at least with a minimum of 2 hours face to face support per week. Additional staff available to support individual young people within the community) what is the maximum, minimum and mean weekly cost of 16-17 year olds over the specified time period?

10) Category 5 18-24 Year olds

- a) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 5 (Shared 2+ with staff on site 24/7 with daytime support hours to meet the individual young person's needs, which must be at least with a minimum of 2 hours face to face support per week. Additional staff available to support individual young people within the community) How many young people aged 18-24 years of age have been a classified as a category 1 over the specified period of time?
- b) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 5 (Shared 2+ with staff on site 24/7 with daytime support hours to meet the individual young person's needs, which must be at least with a minimum of 2 hours face to face support per week. Additional staff available to support individual young people within the community) what is the maximum, minimum and mean length of stay in days for 18-24 year olds over the specified time period?

- c) Under the Supported Accommodation Framework model Category 5 (Shared 2+ with staff on site 24/7 with daytime support hours to meet the individual young person's needs, which must be at least with a minimum of 2 hours face to face support per week. Additional staff available to support individual young people within the community) what the maximum, minimum and mean weekly cost of 18-24 year olds over the specified time period?
- 11) Has a decision been made on extension or re-tender of the Supported Accommodation Framework (16-17 year olds)?
- 12) Please can you provide information on website where all tenders by the organisation are posted?
- 13) Please can you provide the details of Spot purchase portal for care leavers 16-24 year olds?
- 14) Please can you provide the most up to date framework/ standards for spot purchase organisations?

With reference to questions 11) to 14) above, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we are not the authority which leads on the procurement of the current framework and who manages it on behalf of the regions.

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, I can inform you that the local authority that would hold this information is Staffordshire County Council.