

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 111580
Date 16 November 2015

Residential Care for Children and Young People

Request:

1. **Placement Numbers could you please give information as requested below- as of todays date**

Placement Type	Total Number of Looked After CYP in Placement at Date of your FOI response	Total Number of CYP Placed within your LA boundary at Date of your FOI response	Total Number of CYP Placed Outside of your LA boundary at Date of your FOI response	Average Cost of Placements (£)	Total Cases for Average Cost of Placements
In-house Residential Care Placements	11	11	0	2675.17	4
Independent Residential Placements	31	2	29	4348.41	30

Question 1 above asks for average costs, but as you can see, some of the average costs are calculated on very small numbers of children (average for in-house residential is derived from 4 of 11 records, due to the rest being rated 0.00 as a block contract element), therefore we have provided you with the total number of cases used (final column), otherwise it's misleading.

2. Contacts

Please provide the contact details (name, job title, telephone and email) of staff in the following roles:

Role	Name	Job Title	Telephone Number	Email Address
Budget holder for independent residential care placement	Alison Hinds	Head of Looked After Children	01902 556556	Alison.hinds@wolverhampton.gov.uk

<i>expenditure</i>				
<i>Service Lead / Commissioner responsible for commissioning of independent residential providers</i>	Carole Bourne	Head of Children's Commissioning	01902 556556	Carole.bourne@wolverhampton.gov.uk
<i>Director of Childrens Services</i>	Linda Sanders	Strategic Director People	01902 556556	Linda.sanders@wolverhampton.gov.uk
<i>Responsible Director or Service Manager for Children in Care</i>	Emma Bennett	Service Director Children and Young People	01902 556556	Emma.bennett@wolverhampton.gov.uk

2. Please provide the following:

Placement Type	Budget for 2015/16 Financial Year	Expenditure for the period ending 30 th Sept 2015 (from start of financial year)
In-house Residential Care Placements	Budget £1.1 million	Spend as at 30 September 2015 £502,000
Independent residential Care Placements	Budget £6.6 million	Spend as at 30 September 2015 £3.6 million

1. Procurement

<i>Role</i>	<i>Independent Resi Care Placements</i>
Does your Local Authority have a tendered residential care framework in place for Independent Providers?	Yes
If so what is the name of the contract?	West Midlands Residential Placements Framework
When does it expire	9/11/16 with an option to extend for a further two years.
If so, which Independent Providers are on the contract	Please see contracts register on the Council's website http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=6768&p=0
Also is this a collaborative contract, and if so which other Local Authorities use it?	Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall, Solihull, Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Birmingham, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin, Staffordshire, Solihull, Coventry.

5.

<i>Role</i>	<i>Strategy</i>	<i>If Yes, could you please either provide a weblink showing where it can be found online, or email a copy?</i>	<i>If No, what is the reason for this?</i>
Does your Local Authority have a current Children and Young People's Plan?	Yes	http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=2264&p=0	
Does your Local Authority have a current Children in Care Sufficiency Strategy?	Yes	See above	

6. Please provide the following:

<i>Role</i>	<i>Providers</i>
Please provide the names of the 3 largest Independent Residential Providers in terms of total number of placements within your Local Authority catchment area	<p>In respect of this question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we do not have access to other Local authorities' information and therefore are unable to provide the total number of placements.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>"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".</p>
Please provide the names of the 3 largest Independent Residential Providers you have placements with	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>New Reflexions</i> 2. <i>CareTech</i> 3. <i>Castle Care</i>