

11th December 2019

Our ref: IR304532

Thank you for your request for information received on 18th November 2019. This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

I would like to know how I can become a provider for Lambeth Council.

I have my Supported living accommodation business for 16-18 year old females in Birmingham.

I want to know how I can register as a provider and the process for spot purchase.

Breakdown in how many care leavers were placed out of the borough in 2017/2018, average weekly costs and contact details should I require further details.

Our response

I can confirm that we have reviewed your request and can provide the following information.

Lambeth has a framework for Semi Independent Living Services that will be going out to tender in April 2020. We will only use non framework providers in exceptional circumstances

However, we consider that to comply with the remaining request it would exceed the cost/time limit specified by s12 FOIA.

Section 12 (cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit)

12. — (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In this instance, we have decided that the process of determining whether the information is held will exceed the Appropriate Limit as provided by The Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

The Appropriate Limit applies to costs/time the Council reasonably expects to use in carrying out the following activities to comply with your request:

- ☐ Determine whether the information is held
- ☐ Locating the information or documents containing the information
- ☐ Retrieving such information or documents
- ☐ Extracting the information from the document

The Appropriate Limit is currently set at £450, which is the equivalent to 18 hours of work at £25 per hour.

The process of retrieving and collecting the data is therefore likely to exceed the Appropriate Limit.

In accordance with Section 17 FOIA this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this request.

Right to review

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your Freedom of Information request has been dealt with you can request an internal review. Tell us why you are unhappy with our response within 40 working days, and it will be looked at afresh. We will aim to provide you with our review response within 20 working days.

By email: xxx@xxxxxxx.xxx.xx (Please quote the reference number above) or by writing to:

London Borough of Lambeth
Freedom of Information
P.O. Box 734
Winchester
SO23 5DG

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the review you have a further right to appeal to the Information Commissioner, who regulates the implementation of the Freedom of Information Act. The Commissioner can be contacted at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Enquiry line: 0303 123 1113

Thank you for your interest in Lambeth Council.

Yours sincerely

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