

Chetan Kotecha

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Ref: 4344896

Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am pleased to provide some of the information you have requested. I have detailed below the information.

1. How do you currently accommodate care leavers/young people(16-24 yearsold) within your borough?

Brent accommodates care leavers in semi-independent provision.

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?

Residential care placements are commissioned on a spot purchase basis

Supported living provision are commission through a combination of spot purchase and block contract.

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?

Brent is a member of the West London Alliance (WLA). The WLA is currently undertaking a tendering process of semi independent provision on behalf of its member boroughs.

4. Please specify the number of care leavers/young people (16-24 years old) accommodated on a spot purchase basis within the last 12 months?

Data to be provided based on end of reporting figures of 31/3/15. As at March '15 – Total: 50 care leavers /young people living in semi in spot purchase provisions.

5. Do you operate an approved providers list of private residential care providers/private supported living providers?

Residential care commissioning is on a spot purchase basis.

Currently supported living care commissioning is on a spot purchase basis. Once the WLA tender process is completed, Brent will utilise the WLA framework / approved providers list.

6. How many care leavers/young people(16&17 years olds) are currently in private residential care/private supported accommodation?

As of 31/3/15 - Residential care: 10; supported living accommodation: 0

7. How many care leavers/young people(18 years old and above) are currently in private residential care/private supported accommodation?

As of 31/3/15 - Residential care: 0; supported living accommodation: 34 care leavers (excluding 6 my place BFC/IFAs)

8. 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?

As at 31/3/15 - Residential Care: 10; supported living accommodation: 0

9. 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?

As at 31/3/15 - Residential care: 0; supported living accommodation: 6

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

Residential Care: between £1,950 and £3,469 per week

Supported living accommodation: between £379 to £650 per week

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

Residential Care: 0

Supported living accommodation / semi independence: between £379 to £650 per week

12. How can a private residential care/private supported accommodation approach the council when wishing to introduce their service- Who is the specific point of contact

Richard Marks, Principal Officer, Placement Services; Marcelle Farrow, Senior Commissioning & Contracts Officer; Ashnalta Manik, Commissioning Manager;

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

Richard Marks, Principal Officer, Placement Services; Marcelle Farrow, Senior Commissioning & Contracts Officer; Ashnalta Manik, Commissioning Manager;

14. Please can you provide me with a list of all of your suppliers. I can confirm that the remainder of the information you have requested is held by Brent Council, by law. However, I'm unable to give this to you. The information is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (FoIA). Due to the small size of the suppliers, this information could reveal the addresses of LAC. This response therefore acts as a refusal notice under section 17 of the FoIA.

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

Phone: 0303 123 1113

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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

Graham Genoni
Operational Director