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Dear Requester

Thank you for your request for information dated the 9th April 2018 about Residential care for looked after children. We have dealt with this under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are as follows:

1. *Can you please explain your commissioning processes for providers of accommodation and/or support in respect to looked after children in residential care/looked after children in semi-independent placements/care leavers/uasc. Do you spot purchase, have framework agreements or have block contracts in each of these categories?*

We have a Variety of accommodation this includes foster placements, registered children's homes, we also have the young peoples pathway providing supported living accommodation for up to 270 young people aged 16-24.

We have a contract in place with PAN London

2. *If you have framework agreements and/or block contracts for accommodation and/or support in respect to looked after children in residential care/looked after children in semi-independent placements/care leavers/ uasc, please specify when each of these are due to be re-tendered.*

We are presently in the process of retendering these services.

3. *Do organisations need to go through a pre-registration process to accommodate looked after children in residential care/looked after children in semi-independent placements/care leavers/ uasc on a spot purchase basis?*

We use the Pan London Process for Private and voluntary placements for fostering and registered residential units and for the young people's pathway we commission this service .

4. *Do you have local authority run provisions for looked after children in residential care/looked after children in semi-independent placements/care leavers/ uasc? If so, how many of each category are currently accommodated in these facilities?*

We have 270 beds in the young peoples pathway.

5. *Please specify the number of looked after children in residential care/looked after children in semi-independent placements/care leavers/uasc accommodated currently via:*

a. *spot purchase* – 12

b. *framework agreements* - 0

c. *block contracts* - 270 Bed Spaces available.

6. *How many care leavers/uasc aged 16-17 years old and specified in the answer to question 4 are accommodated in residential children's homes? 7*

7. *What is the 2017/18 average weekly cost of placing a looked after child aged under 16 year in a private residential children's home? £2700 -£3000*

8. *What is the 2017/18 average weekly cost of placing a care leavers/uasc child aged 16-17 in a private residential children's home? £2700 -£3000*

9. *What is the 2017/18 average weekly cost of placing a care leavers/uasc child aged 16-17 in a 24/7 supervised semi-independent provision? £547*

10. *What is the 2017/18 average weekly cost of placing a care leavers/uasc child aged 16-17 in an unsupervised semi-independent provision? Please include the cost of floating support. Please advise if you do not place 16-17 year olds in an unsupervised semi-independent provision.*

We do not use unsupervised Semi Independent Provisions.

11. *What is the 2017/18 average weekly cost of placing a care leavers/uasc aged 18-24 in a 24/7 supervised semi-independent provision? Please advise if you do not place 18-24 year olds in a supervised semi-independent provision. £547*

12. *What is the 2017/18 average weekly cost of placing care leavers/uasc 18-24 year olds in an unsupervised semi-independent provision? Please include the cost of floating support.*

We do not use unsupervised Semi Independent Provisions.

13. *Who should be approached within the council to discuss spot purchase commissioning, service provision, rates and referrals for accommodating looked after children in residential children's homes? Who is the specific named point of contact?*

14. *Who should be approached within the council to discuss spot purchase commissioning, service provision, rates and referrals for accommodating and/or supporting care leavers/uasc aged 16-17 years old? Who is the specific named point of contact?*

15. *Who should be approached within the council to discuss spot purchase commissioning, service provision, rates and referrals for accommodating and/or supporting care leavers/uasc aged 18-24 years old? Who is the specific named point of contact?*

16. *Who should be approached within the council to discuss framework agreement/block purchase commissioning for accommodating looked after children in residential care/looked after children in semi-independent placements/care leavers/uasc? Who is the specific named point of contact?*

Sally Joseph or Keri Deasy

17. *Please can you provide me with a list of all of your current suppliers signed up to framework agreements/block purchase contracts for accommodating looked after children in residential care/looked after children in semi-independent placements/care leavers/uasc?*

Private and Vountary Placement providers –

KPMS,
iAspire

Look Ahead

Contract providers -

Centrepont Oak House assessment centre
St Christophers
One Housing Group
SHP
DePaul Trust
Origin Housing

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