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Dear Mr Bhalani,

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Request for Information: Information Provided**  
**Subject: Children's & Social Services Commissioning**

We write with regard to your recent enquiry for information held by the Council under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We trust that the information provided is satisfactory.

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**Request and Response**

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?

**Answer: We use a combination of spot purchasing, framework contracts and block contracts.**

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.

**Answer: Framework for semi independent placements expires in April 2019 with the option of an additional year and is led by the . The block contract expires from July 2020**

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?

**Answer: There is a pre-registration process with Newham Council for semi independent providers. For residential care placements, there is a pre-registration process with London Care Placements.**

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?

**Answer: We have no local authority run provision.**

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:

**Answer: As at 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 for under 18 year olds:**

- a) spot purchase = **238**
- b) framework agreements = **7**
- c) block contracts = **0**

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?

**Answer: At 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018, there were 17 16 and 17 year olds in residential children's homes.**

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?

**Answer: £3,556.41**

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?

**Answer: £3,171.65**

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?

**Answer: £964.51**

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.

**Answer: We do not place 16 and 17 year olds in unsupervised semi-independent provision.**

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.

**Answer: This depends on the needs of the Young Person.**

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.

**Answer: £611.22**

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?

**Answer: Rosie Dei-Boateng, Service Manager Commissioning and Brokerage,  
[Rosie.dei-boateng@newham.gov.uk](mailto:Rosie.dei-boateng@newham.gov.uk)**

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?

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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?

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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?

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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?

**Answer: The providers are:**

- **Above Beyond Care**
- **Atlantic Lodge**
- **Asphaleia Ltd**
- **Cass Associates**
- **CentrePoint**
- **Foster Care Services Ltd**
- **Holmdene Housing**
- **Housing Plus**
- **Ideal Care Solutions**
- **Jordan Xavier**

- **LCS Partnership**
- **Little Acorn Services Ltd**
- **Look Ahead Housing and Care**
- **Morgan Brown**
- **Neo Services**
- **Netpex Ltd**
- **P3**
- **Pathway to Independence Ltd**
- **Peepal Tree Support Services**
- **Route to Transition**
- **Silverbirch Care**
- **Step Ahead Services**
- **Young London Today**
- **West London YMCA**

If you require any further information or are not happy with our response please do not hesitate to contact a member of our team on (020) 8430 2000 or email us at [information.governance@newham.gov.uk](mailto:information.governance@newham.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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