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Dear Everton Wynter,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your request for information received by the Council on 11th December 2017. It has been assessed and the following information is provided in response:

Processes within the commissioning team:

1. Can you explain your commissioning process for private residential adult with learning disabilities care providers?

Ealing Council has Dynamic Purchasing Systems (DPS) for Care Home and Supported Living Placements in place form accommodation based services. E-referrals are sent to the matching pool of providers on the DPS inviting submissions, which in turn are evaluated

2. Do you operate an approved provider's list of private residential care providers?

The above DPS covers residential care

3. If so, how many providers are currently on this list?

There are 35 parent companies with 157 individual residential care services on the DPS

4. Is the list closed, and if yes for how long?

The DPS is open through out its 4-year span and providers can join at anytime

5. Do you operate competitive tendering when introducing new organisations in the council's procurement?

Providers can join the DPS at anytime. However, the call-off process is a competitive exercise

- 6. How can a private residential care home provider approach the council when wishing to introduce their service?**

Providers can apply to join the DPS via the London Tenders Portal

- 7. Who should be approached within the council to discuss referrals, rates, and commissioning?**

Gordon Crighton (Operations Lead) at crightongo@ealing.gov.uk

- 8. Once a service is established how is this service promoted in the council?**

Referrals are sent to the entire pool of matching providers on the DPS and invited to submit an offer

Current services in place:

- 9. How many Adults with learning difficulties care homes does the council operate?**

Ealing Council operate 1 x respite residential service

- 10. How many Adults with learning difficulties are placed in care homes that you operate?**

This varies as the service is for respite placements only

- 11. How many Adults with learning difficulties are placed with private residential care providers?**

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- 12. What is the average weekly cost of placing an adult with learning disabilities in a care home you operate?**

Data not available

- 13. What is the average weekly cost of placing an adult with learning disabilities in a private care home including lowest and highest amount based on their needs?**

The average residential care cost for LD is £1,450 per week

- 14. What is the average size of the care homes you place adults with learning disabilities in (i.e. how many adults can they accommodate)?**

Data not available

- 15. What is the average distance adults with learning disabilities are placed from their home?**

Data not available

16. Do you make more referrals to short stay residential placements or long-term residential placements for adults with learning disabilities?

Both

17. When an adult with learning disabilities is referred do we have a contract for a set period of time?

This depends if the placement is short-term or permanent

18. How much do you charge private care homes per adult with learning disabilities for emergency referrals (maximum and minimum prices) and how much notice is the home given before an adult is placed?

Data not available

19. Is there more of a need for more short-term placements or long-term placements for adults with learning disabilities?

In the main placements are either permanent or for respite purposes

20. What is the process for local authorities when making a referral to a private care home?

As outlined the Council operate a DPS for residential care. If there is no matching service available on the DPS then the Council will source services from the open market on a spot basis

21. Do local authorities negotiate or have set rate or prices based on an adult's with learning disabilities needs?

LD placement fee's are for the most part negotiated fees. However, the Council requires all providers to provide a full and detailed breakdown of their proposed fees.

22. Do rates vary depending on need / behavioural problems?

Yes

23. Once established as a provider how will the organisation be promoted within the council?

E-referrals are sent to all matching providers on the DPS

24. What are the areas that local authorities feel need more service provision in?

Residential and supported living providers that are strength-based and outcome focused

25. What other services in the council refer adults with learning disabilities to homes?

None - we have a single placements team for adult social care

26. How long do adults with learning disabilities stay in emergency short stay placements on average?

Data not available

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Yours sincerely,

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