

Your request and our response:

Of the 56 Care Leavers aged between 16-18 that the council has, please could you let me know:

1. How many of these Care Leavers are currently being housed by the council in unregulated semi independent accomodation.

In total we have 209 16-18 year olds.

As at today we have 76 in semi-independent accommodation.

2. The names of the companies the council uses to accomodate these Care Leavers

Please could you also let me know how many Looked After Children between the aged of 16-17 are being housed in unregulated semi independent accomodation, and the names of these providers.

As at today we have 43 16-17 year olds in semi-independent accommodation.

Provider information is already publicly available at:

<https://moderngov.lambeth.gov.uk/mgDecisionDetails.aspx?Id=45270&Opt=1>

We will not provide names of a small number of additional providers as addresses and individuals may be located from this information.

We are withholding this information, as we consider the following exceptions to disclosure are engaged:

Section 38: Health & Safety

I can confirm that we have reviewed your request but consider that disclosure would be detrimental to the health and safety of individuals.

We therefore engage Section 38: Health & Safety.

38.(1) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to

(a) endanger the physical or mental health of any individual, or

(b) endanger the safety of any individual.

As this exemption is qualified and prejudice-based, we are obliged to outline the harm in disclosure and explain why we consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Harm in Disclosure

Disclosing names and addresses of a small number of additional providers would bring attention to these and individuals associated with them, and if so minded, organisations or

individuals could make attempts to track them down, which would compromise the health and safety of individuals including vulnerable young people.

Public Interest in Disclosure

We appreciate the benefits in transparency and that disclosure would improve public knowledge & debate on this issue.

Public Interest in maintaining the exemption

It is not in the public interest to provide information that would endanger individuals, cause distress and affect physical or mental health.

In accordance with Section 17 FOIA this letter represents a partial 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.

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