# Deddf Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Rheoliadau Gwybodaeth Amgylcheddol Freedom of Information Act / Environmental Information Regulations



# Ymateb Response

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#### Wrexham County Borough Council does hold the information requested.

### Request:

I'm interested in information about the councils looked after children aged below 16 who have been housed in unregulated accommodation. Please could you kindly answer these following questions.

- 1. On how many separate occasions over the past 12 months (March 2022 March 2023) have you needed to house any of your looked after children (under the age of 16) in (short term emergency) unregulated (not regulated by OFSTED) accommodation?
- 2. Referring to Question 1, how many separate children or young people (under the age of 16) did that relate to?
- 3. How many days in total were your children and young people (under the age of 16) housed in unregulated accommodation over the past 12 months (March 2022 March 2023)?
- 4. What was your total spend on support agencies over the past 12 months (March 2022 March 2023) to cover the support costs of supporting your children and young people (aged under 16) who were housed unregulated accommodation?

#### Response:

We are a local authority based in Wales and therefore not regulated by OFSTED but regulated by CIW – Care Inspectorate Wales

- 1. On how many separate occasions over the past 12 months (March 2022 March 2023) have you needed to house any of your looked after children (under the age of 16) in (short term emergency) unregulated (not regulated by OFSTED) accommodation? Less than 5
- 2. Referring to Question 1, how many separate children or young people (under the age of 16) did that relate to?

#### Less than 5

- 3. How many days in total were your children and young people (under the age of 16) housed in unregulated accommodation over the past 12 months (March 2022 March 2023)? Less than 5
- 4. What was your total spend on support agencies over the past 12 months (March 2022 March 2023) to cover the support costs of supporting your children and young people (aged under 16) who were housed unregulated accommodation? Due to response of information less than 5 we are unable to provide information of cost.

## Section 40(2) - Third party personal information

Under section 40(2) of the Act, information is exempt information where it constitutes the personal information of a third party and its disclosure would result in a breach of the Data Protection legislation. Data Protection legislation requires the Council to process information lawfully and fairly. Processing includes the disclosure of information. If disclosure would breach the data protection principles under Article 5 (a) of the UK General Data Protection Regulations (or Special category data Article 9) then an exemption should be applied.

In this case, due to the low number of individuals relating to your request, the Council considers that in providing the level of detail for the information you have requested, the data could potentially be used alongside other information and could possibly lead to the identification of individuals. This would be in breach of Data Protection Principles and so a "less than 5" response has been provided where applicable.