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Dear Requester

Thank you for your request for information dated 03/09/2020 about looked after children. We have dealt with this under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested. However we are withholding some of the information because it is exempt as explained below. We have explained where we are withholding information and what exemptions apply. Please see the refusal notices at the end of the answers which explain how and why they apply.

1. How many Looked After Children aged 16 and 17 does the council currently have?

As at 31.08.2020, 88 children aged 16.00-17.99 were looked after by Camden

2. How many of these Looked After Children aged 16 and 17 does the council currently house in Semi Independent Accommodation?

NOTE on question 1 response this data is supplied for the Department for Education placement code H5 (Semi-independent living accommodation not subject to children's homes regulations)

Of the 88 children included within question 1, 44 were in H5 (semi-independent) placements on 31.08.2020

3. Please provide the names of the companies who provide accommodation to your Looked After Children aged 16 and 17.

The council has withheld some of this information under the absolute exemption in Section 40 (2). The information withheld is personal information because it allows a living individual to be identified. We have considered the legitimate public interest in disclosure against the interests of the data subject/s and concluded that disclosure would contravene the principle in the General Data Protection Regulation that

personal data is processed fairly and lawfully. In the circumstances of the case disclosure would not be fair to the individuals particularly considering that Freedom of Information responses are public documents and published to the world and not provided just to the requester.

The placements used which provide residential care are not always owned by a company who provides multiple sites but can sometimes be the only site for that provider and we consider that the release of the names of those providers into the public domain could potentially jeopardise the safety of those children were it made public to their parents / guardians where they were located.

We have had to consider that the release of the names of these providers could also be used to obtain the location of these placements where vulnerable young people are placed and could likely pose a risk to those individuals at these placements where some of these vulnerable young people are at risk of the parent / guardian from which they have been removed having knowledge of their location if this information has not previously been provided to them.

Of the 88 children included within response to 1, the companies/organisations that provided the placements in which they were placed on 31.08.2020 are as follows:

Provider name	Number of children looked after (aged 16.00-17.99) in placements at 31.08.2020 with named provider
Camden Young People's Pathway	32
London Borough of Camden Fostering Service	14
Key Property Management Services	11
St Christophers	4
Area Camden Group 1	3
London Borough of Islington Fostering Service	3
Banya Family Placement Agency	2
Greater London Fostering	2
Area Camden group 2	1
Area Camden group 3	1
Area camden group 4	1
Area camden group 5	1
A (confidential)	1
Barnardo's Fostering South East	1

B (Confidential)	1
C (confidential)	1
D (confidential)	1
iAspire	1
Lodge Group	1
Pilgrims Corner Fostering Ltd	1
Placed with parents	1
E (confidential)	1
F (confidential)	1
G (confidential)	1
H (confidenatial)	1

Further Information

We do not give our consent for any names and contact details provided in this response to be sent marketing material. Any such use will be reported to the ICO as a breach of General Data Protection Regulations and the Privacy and Electronic Communication Regulations.

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Your Rights

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Yours sincerely,

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