

Enquiries to: Information Team
Our Ref: FOI510465

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**Liverpool
City Council**

Dear Mr Lewis

Freedom of Information Request 510465

Thank you for your recent request received 13 June 2019. Your request was actioned under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in which you requested the following information:-

We are a provider of high quality accommodation and support for semi-independent living for Care Leavers 16+ based in Liverpool and have a few questions:

- 1) Who specifically can we contact to gain access to the portal/tender?*
- 2) Once all mandatory documents have been uploaded and verified on your portal, how long is it before a new provider starts getting referrals?*
- 3) Can you advise on the councils required property standards for up to 3 different tenants/occupants 16+?*
- 4) Does the Local authority/ Childrens Trust carry out an inspection of the property before placements commence?*
- 5) How many young people 16+ have been placed with private providers in the local authority since beginning of 2019?*
- 5) Do you hold provider meetings? If so how can one arrange to attend one of these?*
- 7) How often does the local authority/childrens' trust make payments to providers for services provided?*
- 8) What is the average weekly payment amount to semi independent living providers for 16+?*
- 9) Please supply list of standard policies & procedures the Local authority/Childrens' Trust expect from providers?*
- 10) Apart from the placements portal, is there any other way of getting care leaver placements?*

Response

Liverpool City Council confirms that it holds information relevant to the terms of your request, our response being set out below:-

- 1 You have to apply to get on the North West Framework via The Chest which is the Local Authority Procurement Portal. The Framework is tendered via Thameside LA.
- 2 This framework is currently under review but will open again later this year – Thameside will verify the timeline. You will need to apply and undergo a minimum standards check which includes a visit.
- 3 You need to be licensed if you are a private Landlord. If you are accepted on the framework you will receive a visit from an officer to inspect your property.

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- 4 As Q3 above.
- 5 There have been 74 placements since Jan 2019 but some of these are the same young person
- 5 You will need to be accepted on to the North West Framework.
- 7 Monthly
- 8 £231
- 9 These will be explicit in the Framework documentation.
- 10 The framework is our preferred list and sets the quality benchmark – we would not use providers who don't meet this standard.

This concludes our response.

The City Council will consider appeals, referrals or complaints in respect of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 and you must submit these in writing to Informationrequests@liverpool.gov.uk within 28 days of receiving your response. The matter will be dealt with by an officer who was not previously involved with the response and we will look to provide a response within 40 days.

If you remain dissatisfied you may also apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision about whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Information Commissioner's website is www.ico.gov.uk and the postal address and telephone numbers are:- Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK95AF. Telephone 0303 123 1113. Email – mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk (they advise that their email is not secure)

I trust this information satisfies your enquiry.

Yours sincerely
Information Team