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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?

We use the Placements North West Framework.

2) Once all mandatory documents have been uploaded and verified on your portal, how long is it before a new provider starts getting referrals?

We do not own our own portal.

3) Can you advise on the councils required property standards for up to 3 different tenants/occupants 16+?

If a change of property use is required then we advise potential new providers to contact our planning department on planning@blackpool.gov.uk

4) Does the Local authority/ Childrens Trust carry out an inspection of the property before placements commence?

Placements North West will ask that their Minimum Standards are met.

5) How many young people 16+ have been placed with private providers in the local authority since beginning of 2019?

We have 12 children (aged 16+) placed with private providers since Jan 1st 2019. There is one child who has been placed in both independent living and supported accommodation so that is included in both figures below.
Independent Living: 5 Young People
Supported Accommodation: 8 Young People

5) Do you hold provider meetings? If so how can one arrange to attend one of these?

No.

7) How often does the local authority/childrens' trust make payments to providers for services provided?

Monthly.

8) What is the average weekly payment amount to semi independent living providers for 16+?

Circa £895.

9) Please supply list of standard policies & procedures the Local authority/Childrens' Trust expect from providers?

Please contact sarah.austin@bolton.gov.uk as she is our Placements North West link.

10) Apart from the placements portal, is there any other way of getting care leaver placements?

No we always use the regional framework.