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Dear Ms Ogundalu

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 relating to supported living. Please see the response provided below:

Please can we have the following information about adult social care for Dartford, Swale and Gravesend councils of Kent County Council?

1. The minimum, maximum and average rates paid to independent providers for the delivery of care and support to adults with learning disabilities, physical disabilities and mental health?

There are no average rates, these are commissioned depending on the care and support needs assessment completed by Adult Social Care.

2. The minimum, maximum and average rates paid to independent providers for the delivery of care and support to young adults 16-25 with learning disabilities, physical disabilities and mental health?

As above.

3: What are your minimum room sizes and property requirements for example, is an open plan kitchen suitable? Do you require all ensuite and a separate living and dining room?

See link to KCC website where the minimum standards for supported living are stored. [Learning-disability-supported-accommodation-design-principles.pdf](https://kent.gov.uk/media/learning-disability-supported-accommodation-design-principles.pdf) (kent.gov.uk) [Accommodation Strategy for Adult Social Care - Kent County Council](#)

4: What type of supported living services are needed in Dartford, Swale and Gravesend councils of Kent County Council? Learning disabilities, mental health, section 117, section 17, informal?

There is a gap in the current provision for people who are able to leave a hospital setting and develop independence skills before moving into more independent accommodation.

5: As a new service who do we contact about setting up a supported living service? Is there an opportunity to have an informal discussion with commissioners where referrals, rates, expectations and commissioning can be discussed?

The current contract for supported living is a closed framework and there is no opportunity to join this currently. The current contract is due to end in

2024. However, there is the possibility to extend the current contract for a further 3 years.

6: What type of services are you looking to commission now, for example is it Supported Living for Adult 18-65 for people leaving long term inpatient treatment?

Not applicable.

7: Do we need to apply for a local authority contract to order to register as a supported living service if so where do we apply?

You will need to register for the Kent Business Portal for any opportunities to tender for a contract: [KentBusinessPortal](#)

8: What are the brokerage contact details.

LDPDMH.PLACEMENTTEAM@KENT.GOV.UK

9: Who are the mental health and learning disabilities commissioners.

Anya Harris, Senior Commissioners, Supported Living Contract.

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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

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