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Dear Marie

**Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I wish to confirm that the People Directorate has now completed its search for the information which you requested by e-mail on 9 January 2019.

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

- 1. Please provide me with the service specification for the Regional Framework for Supported Accommodation, which describes in detail what is required of Supported Accommodation providers including the accommodation for all the above age groups and service user bands.**

The specifications for 18+ are attached to the covering email, please note this is a local specification and not regional and is for support only. We do not have a specification for 65+ supported accommodation.

- 2. The different types of categories of support that you require (which provide an 'all inclusive' or a level of support based on assessed need for all the above age groups and service user bands.**

For adults the framework contract is categorised according the primary need – learning disability, ASB, Mental Health and PDSI.

- 3. The activities work service providers need to do with young people both to safeguard them and to prepare them for independence.**

Our commissioned service isn't defined by activity as we use an outcome focussed approach in our specifications, in that the provider is expected to design and appropriate support plan according to the individual young person's needs, rather than delivery a fixed package of activity. The overarching objective is to enable people to successfully maintain independent living – therefore the provider approaches the support with this aim.

- 4. The specification that also details quality standards required from service providers for all the above Age Groups and Service User Bands.**

Included in the attached specifications

- 5. What is the weekly cost inclusive of support hours and accommodation for placing a child 16 to 18 years within semi-supported accommodation?**

Supported housing for 16-24 year olds is covered by a block contract and we therefore do not have 'unit costs' for accommodation elements. The block funding covers all support activity, not all of which is linked to accommodation.

- 6. What is the weekly cost inclusive of support hours and accommodation for placing an adult 18-24 years within semi-supported accommodation?**

As Q5.

- 7. What is the weekly cost inclusive of support hours and accommodation for placing an adult 18-65, 65+ within supported accommodation?**

Average hourly rate £14.49 – standard.

- 8. Please provide the weekly cost for the following support hours, 5, 10 and 15 hours for all age groups mentioned above.**

Costs based on hourly rates which vary by provider. 5 hours would be 5x the average etc.

- 9. What are the decisions Social Services make before choosing a relevant service provider for all the above age groups.**

Ability to meet assessed need of the service user.

- 10. How does a Service Provider get on your Approved Service providers list**

There was framework contract – providers were required to go through a tender process to get onto the framework.

- 11. How does a Service Provider register on your Supported Accommodation Regional Framework? Please provide me with a link or contact details of the person responsible for your referrals for all Age Groups mentioned above.**

No regional framework for adults.

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Tom Grierson on (01226) 770770. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely



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