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Mr A Gunning

By Email:

request-555399-2219a807@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr Gunning,

Freedom of Information – Request for Information
Unique Reference: FOI 8563

Thank you for your request for information dated 22 February 2019, which the Council received by email. You have requested the following information:

- 1) *Can you please provide the structure of your adult social care commissioning and placement teams including all social workers. If you can, please include emails & contact numbers.*
- 2) *What frameworks are in place for the commissioning of Supported Living & Domiciliary Care Services. Are these frameworks open to join and if not, when will there be a new tender date?*
- 3) *Do you spot purchase outside of these frameworks? If so, please provide the number of spot placements made within the last year for Supported Living & Domiciliary Care services within Adult Social Care.*
- 4) *Who should be approached within the council to discuss spot purchasing for Supported Living & Domiciliary Care Services?*
- 5) *Is there a need for Supported Living services in this county over the coming year? If so, do you have any forecasts or figures available?*
- 6) *What is the current number of Learning Disability clients living within a Supported Living setting within the local authority? Please also provide the numbers of Learning Disability Clients living outside of local authority?*

I am pleased to advise that the Council can provide the information that you have requested.

- 1) The Councils Strategic Social Care Commissioning Team is made up of 1 x Head of Commissioning, 2 x Team Managers, 1 x Assistant Team Manager, 6 x Commissioning and Contracts Officers, 4 x Contracts Performance Officer, and 1 x Business Support Officer. In

addition we have 1 x Placement Officer (who is Social Work qualified) who arranges all residential out of the borough. Contacts should be made in line with the answer to Question 4.

- 2) In relation to Supported Living Tameside is signed up to using the Greater Manchester Learning Disability Framework (which is led by STaR Procurement), and Our LD Supported Living Contracts this is due to be advertised in July 2019 to work through to new contracts commencing in April 2020. Our Supported Living Schemes in Mental Health and Physical Disability are not currently part of any framework and these contracts will be procured through tenders.

In relation to domiciliary care, the Council has a DPS in place for domiciliary agencies to join. There are six geographically based zoned providers in place and where the six cannot pick up particular work this is offered to the other providers on the DPS Framework. This contract is due to end in October 2022.

- 3) Ordinarily the Council does not spot purchase outside the frameworks identified in question 2 above. However, there are occasions when we have to look outside these frameworks for some placements where these frameworks have not identified a suitable placement for an individual – over the last year only one person has been placed in supported living outside of the frameworks.
- 4) Within the Council, initial discussions on spot purchasing for Supported Living & Domiciliary Care Services should be with Trevor Tench, Head of Commissioning, Telephone 0161 342 3649, e-mail trevor.tench@tameside.gov.uk
- 5) There will be growing need for supported living services in the borough over the coming years though it is planned that this growth will be picked up through the growth of in-house provision locally. The projections for the coming years are currently being finalised through our Accommodation Options Group, but there are currently ten people on a waiting list seeking appropriate accommodation to meet their needs.
- 6) There are currently 252 people with a Learning Disability in supported living settings within the borough, and 2 people with a Learning Disability in supported living settings out of the borough.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely,

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