

REQUEST	LAC – UNREGULATED ACCOMMODATION NOTIFICATION OF SERIOUS INCIDENTS	RESPONSE
<p>I'm researching providers of unregulated accommodation for looked after children aged 16 and 17. By unregulated accommodation I mean provision not currently regulated by Ofsted or the Care Quality Commission, which includes independent and semi-independent placements.</p> <p>Councils must notify the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel about serious incidents involving death or serious harm to a child where abuse or neglect is known or suspected, and any death of a looked after child.</p> <p>Please can you help with the following? Please see my note on the public interest in disclosure below.</p>		
<p>1) Please list the number of serious incident notifications involving (a) deaths and (b) serious harm for looked after children aged 16 and 17 for each provider of unregulated accommodation used by the council in 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22? Please use the attached spreadsheet or your own spreadsheet.</p> <p>2) Please also include the number of safeguarding concerns recorded by the council for each provider of unregulated accommodation for children in 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22?</p>		<p>1a) 0 1b) 0</p> <p>2) We do not record this category of information in a reportable format and therefore we are unable to provide within the required timescale.</p>
<p><i>There is an overwhelming public interest in releasing information which will enable the public to scrutinise providers of unregulated accommodation. These providers receive large sums of public money to house some of the most vulnerable children in society. The figures will not identify individuals or specific addresses. I am asking for provider level data, not address level data or any personal details. Provider level information is routinely released by regulators such as Ofsted, which publishes the names of children's home providers alongside inspection ratings. Death and serious harm figures are already published by the government, without any individuals being identified.</i></p>		