

Request:

- 1) Who within the Local Authority has the commissioning responsibility for residential family centre placements. Please provide their:
 - a. Name
 - b. Job Title
 - c. Telephone number
 - d. Email address

- 2) Please could you provide the average weekly fee paid to an independent residential family centre for a 12 week residential programme.

- 3) Please provide the total number of family placements in made an independent residential family centre each year for a minimum of 12 weeks residential programme.

- 4) Please provide a list of the independent residential family centre provider names with which families were placed during the year.

Response:

placementsearches@wigan.gov.uk

2021/2022: £3487.92
 2022/2023: £3841.67
 2023/2024: £4190.00

2021/2022: 12
 2022/2023: 15
 2023/2024: 3 to date

2021/2022:
 Progressive Care – Foundations
 Amber Family
 Blossom Family Beginnings
 U5 Social Care
 Kaleidoscope Assessment Services

2022/2023:
 Amber Family
 The Laurels Family Assessment Service
 Progressive Care – Foundations
 Kaleidoscope Assessment Services
 PAFA
 U5 Social Care
 First Steps North West
 Blossom Family Beginnings
 Family Ace

2023/2024 (to date):

The details of the Residential Family Centres are exempt from disclosure under Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA). Section 38 (i)(b) states that information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, endanger the safety of any individual. Disclosure under the FoIA is deemed to be to the world at large. To disclose the full details of these residential settings to the world at large would put at risk the safety of vulnerable individuals.

As this a qualified exemption, the Council is required to undertake a public interest test. The Council acknowledges its obligations of transparency and

accountability in all its undertakings. However, in this case, the safeguarding of vulnerable individuals would be put at risk by publishing the details of these residential settings and clearly outweighs that. On balance, therefore the Council believes that this part of your request is exempt under Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act.