

## Request

- 1) Can you please explain your commissioning processes for providers of accommodation and/or support in respect to looked after children in residential care/looked after children in semi-independent placements/care leavers/uasc. Do you spot purchase, have framework agreements or have block contracts in each of these categories?
- 2) If you have framework agreements and/or block contracts for accommodation and/or support in respect to looked after children in residential care/looked after children in semi-independent placements/care leavers/uasc, please specify when each of these are due to be re-tendered.
- 3) Do organisations need to go through a pre-registration process to accommodate looked after children in residential care/looked after children in semi-independent placements/care leavers/uasc on a spot purchase basis?
- 4) Do you have local authority run provisions for looked after children in residential care/looked after children in semi-independent placements/care leavers/uasc? If so, how many of each category are currently accommodated in these facilities?
- 5) Please specify the number of looked after children in residential care/looked after children in semi-independent placements/care leavers/uasc accommodated currently
- 6) How many care leavers/uasc aged 16-17 years old and specified in the answer to question 4 are accommodated in residential children's homes?
- 7) What is the 2018/19 average weekly cost of placing a looked after child aged under 16 year in a private residential children's home?
- 8) What is the 2018/19 average weekly cost of placing a care leavers/uasc child aged 16-17 in a private residential children's home?
- 9) What is the 2018/19 average weekly cost of placing a care leavers/uasc child aged 16-17 in a 24/7 supported accommodation provision?
- 10) What is the 2018/19 average weekly cost of placing a care leavers/uasc child aged 16-17 in a semi-independent provision? Please include the cost of floating support.
- 11) What is the 2018/19 average weekly cost of placing a care leavers/uasc aged 18-24 in a 24/7 supported accommodation provision?
- 12) What is the 2018/19 average weekly cost of placing care leavers/uasc 18-24 year olds in a semi-independent provision? Please include the cost of floating support.
- 13) Which areas within the county council that you are struggling to find suitable providers for the following: - private residential children's home - semi-independent provision - supported accommodation
- 14) Who should be approached within the council to discuss spot purchase commissioning, service provision, rates and referrals for accommodating looked after children in residential children's homes? Who is the specific named point of contact?
- 15) Who should be approached within the council to discuss spot purchase commissioning, service provision, rates and referrals for accommodating and/or supporting care leavers/uasc aged 16-17 years old? Who is the specific named point of contact?
- 16) Who should be approached within the council to discuss spot purchase commissioning, service provision, rates and referrals for accommodating and/or supporting care leavers/uasc aged 18-24 years old? Who is the specific named point of contact?
- 17) Who should be approached within the council to discuss framework agreement/block purchase commissioning for accommodating looked after children in residential care/looked after children in semi-independent placements/care leavers/uasc? Who is the specific named point of contact?
- 18) Please can you provide me with a list of all of your current suppliers signed up to framework agreements/block purchase contracts for accommodating looked after children in residential care/looked after children in semi-independent placements/care leavers/uasc? 16+ Supported Accommodation. Please specify if any of your providers have any preferential arrangements / agreements.

## Response

- 1) Commissioning of services follows a variety of routes, we are part of a regional framework purchasing system across the North West which has lots for residential, SEND, supported accommodation, and IFAs. Aside from this we also have block contracts in place. And make spot purchasing when required.
- 2) Our Frameworks are held via Placement North West and will be advertised via the chest – each of these frameworks open throughout the year to allow for new providers. Our Block contract is due to end 16<sup>th</sup> June relating to supported accommodation. Renovation work will then be undertaken. Currently anticipating advertising at the end of 2023 and early 2024.
- 3) Yes. We require a significant amount of information as part of our due diligence to give us the assurance needed about any providers ability to provide high quality homes. We also expect all provisions to align to the appropriate regulatory body (i.e. Ofsted).
- 4) Yes. At the time of responding to this FOI we have 1 residential home with 3 beds, 1 home for short breaks containing 5 beds, 1 provision due to close for refurbishments which is for 16 plus young people 6 bedded.
- 5) At the time of responding to this FOI - 71 Children looked after in all residential childrens homes, 52 young people including separated children (UASC) in supported accommodation aged 16 years and above.
- 6) 16-17 years old are not known as care leavers – they are children in care until they are 18 years of age, we have 25 young people aged 16-18 who live in residential care homes.
- 7) The average cost of a residential home for a looked after child was £3742
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- 9) £865.71
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- 11) At the age of 18 our UASC children moved to HMO, therefore not living in supported accommodation. Our care leavers also moved on from supported accommodation.
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- 13) We have a strong offer locally in Wigan and relationships with a number of providers. We are always looking to develop our relationship with the market, and would welcome a conversation with you on that basis.
- 14) [placementsearches@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:placementsearches@wigan.gov.uk)
- 15) As question 14
- 16) [placementsearches@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:placementsearches@wigan.gov.uk)
- 17) As question 14
- 18) Any requests for information relating to the North West framework should be directed to - [placementsnorthwest@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:placementsnorthwest@stockport.gov.uk)