



Request

The below queries are regarding Supported Accommodations (also known as semi-independent living) and 18+ provision for young adults leaving Care.

1. How many young people in your LA aged 18 or over currently reside in OFSTED regulated Supported Accommodation?
2. How many of these young people are considered Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children or were?
3. What is the process for Child Looked After or care leaving young people who's asylum claim is pending approval by the Home Office?
4. Who funds the placements of these young people once they turn 18 years old?
5. Do they continue to stay in OFSTED regulated Supported Accommodation?
6. Are there any barriers being faced with transitioning care leaving young people who's asylum claim is pending approval by the Home Office, from regulated homes post 18 to floating support homes. If so, what are the barriers?
7. What is the minimum your LA pays for 18+ floating support and accommodation per week to a provider?
8. What is the maximum? Is there a shortage being faced by your LA for floating support and accommodation for care leavers 18+?
9. Does your LA currently commission 18+ floating support and accommodation for care leavers who are awaiting an outcome of their asylum claim with the Home Office?
10. How many floating support and accommodation providers are there within your LA that specifically only support care leavers awaiting a decision on their asylum claim from the Home Office?
11. How can I become a 18+ accommodation provider in your LA and gain referrals to support 18+ care leavers/young adults?

Response

1. 30
2. 30 Due to suppression, this number has been rounded up.
3. The young person will continue to be supported by a social worker or PA and will remain in a CSC funded placement
4. The Local Authority funds all UASC placements and receive funding from the Home Office at a rate of £38.57 per night to subsidise costs of support & accommodation for each case
5. Yes
6. There are no barriers to the young person currently as they will remain in supported accommodation. The barrier to the local authority is limited funding to wards the cost of these placements.
7. £56.45 per week which represents those who have asylum status and have access to housing benefits (awaiting own tenancy).
8. £2866.00 per week. No shortage as care leavers 18+ usually remain in Ofsted registered supported accommodation until they have their own tenancy.
9. There is no designated accommodation. It is CSC placements that continue post 18
10. 0. No specific providers for SYP/Asylum Seekers awaiting decisions on claim.
11. We only place young people under the age of 18 in registered supported accommodation where they remain until they have their own housing. Any specific 18+ services would be commissioned by Adult Services/Housing. However we are looking at this in terms of housing support so please email placementsearches@wigan.gov.uk before you commit to any properties so that we could have a conversation.