



REQUEST 18873

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the provision of semi-independent accommodation services for 16–17-year-old young people in the care of your authority. Specifically, I would like to request the following information:

1. Current rates for semi-independent placements (16–17 year olds): The current weekly or nightly rates paid by the council for 16–17-year-old semi-independent accommodation placements, including any higher rates for high-needs placements or emergency placements.
2. Placement numbers in the last 12 months: The number of semi-independent accommodation placements for 16–17 year olds that have been made by the council in the past 12 months (or the latest available 12-month period). Please indicate the time period this data covers.
3. Approved providers list: A list of all providers currently approved or contracted on the council's framework or Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for semi-independent 16–17-year-old placements.
4. Open or upcoming tenders/frameworks: Details of any open or upcoming tenders, frameworks, or commissioning opportunities related to supported accommodation for looked-after children or care leavers (including 16–17-year-olds). This might include any planned procurement exercises or frameworks for semi-independent living services.
5. Standard placement contracts/terms: If available, a copy of the standard placement contract or the standard terms and conditions that the council uses when placing 16–17-year-old young people in semi-independent accommodation.
6. Policies or guidance: Copies of or links to any relevant policies, procedures, or guidance documents that the council uses when commissioning, reviewing, or monitoring semi-independent accommodation placements for 16–17-year-old looked-after young people.

RESPONSE

1. £1,597.99 average cost per week.
2. 62 (1st November 2024 – 31st October 2025).
3. Wigan LA utilises Placements Northwest FPS for semi-independent placements and spot purchase if required.
4. Details of Placements Northwest including dates of tenders can be found at:
[Working with external providers | NWADCS](#)
5. This can be requested from Placements Northwest: placementsnorthwest@stockport.gov.uk
6. All providers on the Placements Northwest FPS framework for semi-independent placements undergo a process called 'Transitional Monitoring' which looks at policies and procedures and assesses if these meet the minimum standards required.