Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request / Response:

Request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, relating care leavers.

1. How do you currently accommodate care leavers/young people (16-24 years old) within your borough?

Answer: Rutland County Council have some contracts which cover children’s fostering including BACA (Specialist Supported Accommodation and Training for Young Forced Migrants 16+) and East Midlands Fostering Framework – Assist Care is a spot provider for a fostering supported living placement for someone leaving care 18-25.

2. Can you explain your commissioning process for private residential care providers/private supported living providers? Do you spot purchase, have framework contacts/agreement or block contracts?

Answer: Rutland County Council use a framework and / or spot purchases.

3. Do organisations need to go through the tendering process to accommodate care leavers/young people (16-24 years old) on a spot purchase basis? If information regarding the website to access will be valuable.

Answer: Any spot purchases would be exempt under individual placement, any framework would have been tendered initially then placements called off against it.

4. Do you operate an approved providers list of private residential care providers/private supported living providers? If so how do I register?

Answer: No
5. How many care leavers/young people (16&17 years olds) are currently in private residential care/private supported accommodation? Do you require more providers?

Answer: *

6. How many care leavers/young people (18 years old and above) are currently in private residential care/private supported accommodation? Do you require more providers?

Answer: *

7. How many care leavers or eligible young people (16&17 years olds) are living in private residential care/private supported accommodation with support of 10 hours or more?

Answer: *

8. How many care leavers or eligible young people (18 years old and above) are living in private residential care/private supported accommodation with support of 10 hours or more?

Answer: *

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We can confirm that we hold the information however we are unable to supply it as we consider this information to be exempt due to the low number of individuals identified.

The Council is relying on Section 40(2) – personal information in that it believes the exemption applies because the information is personal information and we believe that disclosure would not be fair or lawful because it would breach the first data protection principle as outlined in Part 4, Chapter 2 of the Data Protection Act 2018. We consider that these individuals would have a reasonable expectation of privacy.

9. What is the average weekly cost of placing a child (16&17 years olds) in a private residential care/private supported accommodation?

Answer:
£630 per week

10. What is the average weekly cost of placing an adult (18-24 years old) in a private residential care/private supported accommodation?

Answer:
£630 per week

11. How can a private residential care/private supported accommodation approach the council when wishing to introduce their service?

Answer:
They would need to initially to be registered on the East Midlands Childrens Framework. Occasionally we spot purchase so would need details of providers.

12. Who should be approached within the council to discuss commissioning, service provision, rates and referrals?

Answer:
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