

London Borough of Barnet  
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Thank you for your request received on 17 September 2021, for the following information:

- 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. What has been the average weekly cost of placing a looked after child aged under 16 year in a private residential children's home since 2016 up to date?**
- 4. What has been the average weekly cost of placing a care leavers/uasc child aged 16-17 in a private residential children's home since 2016 up to date?**
- 5. What has been the average weekly cost of placing a care leavers/uasc child aged 16-17 in a 24/7 supervised semi-independent provision since 2016 up to date?**
- 6. What has been the average weekly cost of placing a care leavers/uasc child aged 16-17 in an unsupervised semi-independent provision since 2016 up to date? Please include the cost of floating support. Please advise if you do not place 16-17 year olds in an unsupervised semi-independent provision.**
- 7. What has been the average weekly cost of placing a care leavers/uasc aged 18-24 in a 24/7 supervised semi-independent provision since 2016 up to date? Please advise if you do not place 18-24 year olds in a supervised semi-independent provision.**
- 8. What has been the average weekly cost of placing care leavers/uasc 18-24 year olds in an unsupervised semi-independent provision since 2016 up to date? Please include the cost of floating support.**
- 9. 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?**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your

questions are below

**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?**

London Borough of Barnet is part of the West London regional Alliance for commissioning. The Commissioning Alliance holds a Dynamic Purchasing Vehicle (DPV) covering semi-independent provision. Barnet is also part of the Commissioning Alliance Dynamic Purchasing Vehicle for residential placements

WLA Placements are arranged through an e-brokerage platform called Careplace.

Spot purchase (direct award contracts) are used in instances where a placement cannot be found via the Alliance list.

**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.**

London Borough of Barnet recently ran a tender to recommission the management and support for a 24 unit Foyer within the borough. This is due for retender in 2026 for a new contract to start in 2027

**3. What has been the average weekly cost of placing a looked after child aged under 16 year in a private residential children's home since 2016 up to date?**

£4,400 (DPV current pricing for core fees - across all providers on the DPV)

**4. What has been the average weekly cost of placing a care leavers/uasc child aged 16-17 in a private residential children's home since 2016 up to date?**

Not Applicable

**5. What has been the average weekly cost of placing a care leavers/uasc child aged 16-17 in a 24/7 supervised semi-independent provision since 2016 up to date?**

£1023

**6. What has been the average weekly cost of placing a care leavers/uasc child aged 16-17 in an unsupervised semi-independent provision since 2016 up to date? Please include the cost of floating support. Please advise if you do not place 16-17 year olds in an unsupervised semi-independent provision.**

London Borough of Barnet does not place young people in unsupervised semi independent provision

**7. What has been the average weekly cost of placing a care leavers/uasc aged 18-24 in a 24/7 supervised semi-independent provision since 2016 up to date? Please advise if you do not place 18-24 year olds in a supervised semi-independent provision.**

£852

**8. What has been the average weekly cost of placing care leavers/uasc 18-24 year olds in an unsupervised semi-independent provision since 2016 up to date? Please include the cost of floating support.**

Please see response to Q7 , cost for unsupervised semi-independent provision for 18-24 year old is not available

**9. 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?**

For the Semi-independent Accommodation and Support for young people aged 16-25 the Dynamic Purchasing Vehicle (DPV) for Semi-independent Accommodation and Support is led by Hammersmith & Fulham. For further details and to request information about suppliers under this contract, please register online at <https://wla.esourcingportal.com/> and address enquiries to the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham

For the Residential DPV, further details and enquiries need to be directed via the e-sourcing platform: <https://wla.esourcingportal.com/>

### **Further information**

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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