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25 January 2024
Our ref: 11455012

Thank you for your request received on 24 January 2024, for the following information:

Dear Barnet Borough Council,

I am writing to make a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act for access to the following information:

Please Note: The following questions are about care leavers (Aged 18 - 21) placed in supported accommodation who receiving floating support, these young people come under the Leaving Care Act 2000.

Who are the currently supported accommodation providers you use for 18+ floating support & accommodation?

What provider out of your current list of supported accommodation providers has the majority of your care leavers?

**What is the minimum support hours L.A requirement for 18-21 care leavers in supported accommodation?
for example, a min of 2 hours.**

What is the current minimum cost L.A. pays for 18+ floating accommodations? (Accommodation Only) for example, £500PW per placement depending on support needs.

How many service users were placed with your L.A between the years 2022 - 2023?

What are the practical postcodes your L.A placements team require for 18+ service users?

What are the current issues your L. A's placement team face when it comes to placing 18+ service users in supported accommodation?

**What is the placements teams' budget per week for 18+ placements?
for example, £620PW per placement including 3 support hours.**

What is the procedure for your L.A if a provider wishes to join both on-tender & off-tender providers list?

What are the main KPI's (key performance indicators) your L.A placements team use to separate a good semi-independent service to a bad one specifically for 18+ service users?

What are the main factors your L.A Placements team use to ascertain whether a placement / provider is a good match for 18+ service users?

**What is the L.A's budget for support hours specifically per hour for 18+ service users ?
for example £21.50 per additional support hour.**

**What type of accommodation is needed but in short supply for your L.A placements team ? I.e. studio's, shared, 2 bed flats etc.
What is the L.A placements team budget per week for the following accommodation: Studio, 1 bed Flat, 2 bed flat, Shared Accommodation.**

When does the L.A plan to publish their next tender for 18+ placements ?

What is L.A's standard procedure before placing an 18+ service user with a provider for the first time ?Who are the current providers you use for 18+ unstaffed accommodation ?

I would like to receive the requested information in an electronic PDF format if possible, If there are any fees associated with fulfilling this request, please inform me in due course.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours faithfully,

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**Please use this email address for all replies to this request:
request-1076424-0b0b1198@whatdotheyknow.com**

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

Response

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and although we hold some of the information requested, some of the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

We have provided answers to your request below.

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Barnet's LC service doesn't commission any semi-independent provision for care experienced young people. We support young people to access their entitlements to social housing via Barnet Homes.

Who are the currently supported accommodation providers you use for 18+ floating support & accommodation?

Barnet's LC service doesn't commission any semi-independent provision for care experienced young people. We support young people to access their entitlements to social housing via Barnet Homes - information not held.

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How many service users were placed with your L.A between the years 2022 - 2023?

Information not held.

What are the practical postcodes your L.A placements team require for 18+ service users?

Information not held.

What are the current issues your L. A's placement team face when it comes to placing 18+ service users in supported accommodation?

Information not held.

What is the placements teams' budget per week for 18+ placements? for example, £620PW per placement including 3 support hours.

Information not held.

What is the procedure for your L.A if a provider wishes to join both on-tender & off-tender providers list?

Barnet is part of the Commissioning Alliance which hosts Dynamic Purchasing Systems for range of placements including accommodation for young adults aged 18+.

Further information about the Alliance and current tender opportunities can be found here:

[Providers - Commissioning Alliance](#)

[CF Suite | Procurement & eSourcing | Curtis Fitch \(esourcingportal.com\)](#)

What are the main KPI's (key performance indicators) your L.A placements team use to separate a good semi-independent service to a bad one specifically for 18+ service users?

The Commissioning Alliance KPIs for accommodation with support are as follows:

- o Do you hold current placements from (this regional contract)
- o Number of unplanned endings
- o Moves into the provision in the last quarter
- o Number of move on from the provision
- o Please provide details of your growth plans and future intentions i.e. new provision, change of service or closure
- o What % of current staff were newly employed in the last 12 months
- o How many staff did not hold a DBS check by the end of this (reporting) period
- o Other comments and feedback
- o Can you confirm that you hold and have seen a children's workforce enhanced DBS certificate for all staff and that your staff are not barred from having contact with children and young people
- o Can you confirm that you have valid property insurance for all properties?
- o Can you confirm that you have a valid gas safety certificate for all properties?

What are the main factors your L.A Placements team use to ascertain whether a placement / provider is a good match for 18+ service users?

For 18+ standards, you may be interested to review the requirements within the Commissioning Alliance Setting the Standard which includes property requirements for good practice:

[Setting the Standard \(StS\) - Commissioning Alliance](#)

What is the L.A's budget for support hours specifically per hour for 18+ service users ?

for example £21.50 per additional support hour.

This is based on the assessment of need and not a set rate. We have a framework of approved providers for support services.

What type of accommodation is needed but in short supply for your L.A placements team ? I.e. studio's, shared, 2 bed flats etc.

Information not held.

What is the L.A placements team budget per week for the following accommodation: Studio, 1 bed Flat, 2 bed flat, Shared Accommodation.

Information not held.

When does the L.A plan to publish their next tender for 18+ placements?

We do not tender for these placements.

What is L.A's standard procedure before placing an 18+ service user with a provider for the first time ? Who are the current providers you use for 18+ unstaffed accommodation ?

Information not held.

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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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.uk

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Your rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: foi@barnet.gov.uk. Or by post to Records & Information Management Service, Assurance Group, London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.