

Dear Requester,

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Kind Regards

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find a request for Information submitted under Freedom of Information Legislation. Thank you in advance of your assistance.

*AS OF 31.1.18*

1. *What is the number of Looked After Children taken from report L12*  
804
2. *What is the total number of taken from 903 return reporting. (NB: this won't match report CL20 as this is based on their eligibility category at the point of their last pathway plan, not their current eligibility category)*
  - i. *Relevant children (care leavers) 17*
  - ii. *Former relevant children (care leavers) 449*
3. *How many of these (excluding connected / kinship care) are placed in: taken from report L12*
  - *Internal foster care provision 341 in Nott in-house foster carer plus 11 asylum placements with Notts in house fostering placement)*
  - *Independent foster care provision 220 with independent foster carer plus 17 asylum placements with independent foster carer*
  - *Internal residential provision 14 in notts cc residential plus 5 in notts CC disability residential*
  - *Independent residential provision 4 in non-notts disability residential plus 62 in non-notts other residential*
  - *Internal 16 plus provision*
  - *Independent 16 plus provision 55 living in semi-independent accommodation plus 3 asylum placements in semi independent living*
  - *Specialist external residential educational provision 5 in non-notts residential school provision*
4. *Of those in independent 16 plus accommodation how many are in supported accommodation? no more than any other local authority'*

5. *What commissioning / purchasing frameworks for these provisions are you part to and what are the upcoming points of review for these frameworks at which point new providers can join?* The 16+ Supported Accommodation is a Framework agreement, there are 3 providers delivering the support to young people aged 16 - 21. The contract commenced in August 2015 and is for a duration of 5 years with the option to extend for a further 24 months. In addition to this, there is currently a procurement exercise underway to commission high needs support placements for those that are unable to be supported within the 16+ contracts.
6. *Does the local authority struggle in particular to source placements for any of the above categories?* Not recorded
7. *What is the average cost that your authority pays for an:*

· *Independent fostering placement*

· *Independent residential placement*

· *Independent 16 plus provision* There are 2 'journey rates' payable to providers of 16+ Supported Accommodation. A standard journey is £6750 and an enhanced journey is £13,500. A 'journey' commences at the point at which the young person enters the 16+ supported accommodation provision and ends at the point he/she moves out of the service into independence. This is a one off fixed payment regardless of the duration of stay which may be up to or over 2 years. The journey fee is paid at the point of entry into service, and incentivises the provider to move people on through the service into independence and prevents blockages and services silting up as the provider is only able to draw down more revenue at the point a new person enters the service.

· *Specialist external residential educational provision*

8. *Who are the providers that you use for the above categories of placement on your commissioning framework? The list below are the providers we had placements with as at 31/1/18*

The 16+ Supported Accommodation Providers are:

- Framework Housing Association
- NCHA

9. *What percentage of placements do you make off your commissioning framework? is 'just under 10%'*

*As at 31/1/18:*

*16+ LC*

*Independent Fostering*

*Residential*

10. *Who is the relevant commissioning manager who deal with independent LAC and care leaver placements?* Beth Downing is responsible for the commissioning of the 16+ Supported Accommodation provision.

Kind Regards,

Further details just received,

Re Q9, some additional info is:

In the 3 month period Nov 17 to Jan 18 of the total number of placements made: 1.4% fostering, 1% resi and 2.9% 16+ were made off framework.

Re Q10, Ty Yousaf is the commissioning manager for LAC.