

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?

#### Commissioning arrangements for 16+ supported accommodation

In August 2015 the Council entered into new contracts for Supported Accommodation for 16-21 year olds.

The procurement exercise took place between February and August 2015, commissioners were seeking providers that would deliver 'Journeys of Support' for homeless young people and those at risk of homelessness. This model encapsulates the entire journey for the young person from initial presentation to exit from the service as 'a self-sufficient adult who is able to manage their own tenancy'.

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.

#### Commissioning for Residential Care

NCC are a member of the regional East Midlands framework and have commissioned residential placements via this contract since 2016.

The Authority also has a block contract for residential placements with 2 different providers, with each provider supplying 12 beds each within in Nottinghamshire and this has been in operation since 2015.

There are also occasions when NCC would spot purchase a residential bed if the above options cannot offer a suitable placement.

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.

#### Commissioning arrangements for 16+ supported accommodation

A decision will be made during 2019 to determine whether the contract is extended for the 2 years the contract allows for or whether the service will be retendered.

#### Residential Care

The East Midlands Framework will be retendered in 2020.

The NCC block contract started in 2015 and will run for 7 years with an option to extend for a further 3 years.

3. Do organisations need to go through a pre-registration process to accommodate looked after children in residential care/looked after children in semi-independent placements/care leavers/uasc on a spot purchase basis?

No providers would not go through a pre-registration process for spot purchased placements, but for residential placements we would expect all homes to be registered with Ofsted.

4. Do you have local authority run provisions for looked after children in residential care/looked after children in semi-independent placements/care leavers/uasc? If so, how many of each category are currently accommodated in these facilities?

The authority currently only has its own residential children's  
There are 3 EDB children's home accommodating 11 young people, and 3 specialist disabled children's homes with 12 young people full time, there are also short breaks provision within these homes.

5. Please specify the number of looked after children in residential care/looked after children in semi-independent placements/care leavers/uasc accommodated currently via:

a. spot purchase

Residential LAC 8

Supported accommodation LAC 15

b. framework agreements

There are 227 units of 16+ supported accommodation provided for the following groups

- 16/17 year olds that are homeless 'Southwark Judgement' young people
- LAC
- Care Leavers
- 18 – 21 year olds vulnerable homeless

Residential LAC 47

c. block contracts

Residential LAC 23

6. How many care leavers/uasc aged 16-17 years old and specified in the answer to question 4 are accommodated in residential children's homes?

We have no care leavers or UASC accommodated in a residential children's home

7. What is the 2017/18 average weekly cost of placing a looked after child aged under 16 year in a private residential children's home?

The average week bed cost is £3041.

8. What is the 2017/18 average weekly cost of placing a care leavers/uasc child aged 16-17 in a private residential children's home?

N/A

9. What is the 2017/18 average weekly cost of placing a care leavers/uasc child aged 16-17 in a 24/7 supervised semi-independent provision? [See response under Q.12](#)

10. What is the 2017/18 average weekly cost of placing a care leavers/uasc child aged 16-17 in an unsupervised semi-independent provision? Please include the cost of floating support. Please advise if you do not place 16-17 year olds in an unsupervised semi-independent provision. [See response under Q.12](#)

11. What is the 2017/18 average weekly cost of placing a care leavers/uasc aged 18-24 in a 24/7 supervised semi-independent provision? Please advise if you do not place 18-24 year olds in a supervised semi-independent provision. [See response under Q.12](#)

12. What is the 2017/18 average weekly cost of placing care leavers/uasc 18-24 year olds in an unsupervised semi-independent provision? Please include the cost of floating support.

[In response to questions 9 – 12](#)

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. The commissioned service has a range of types of accommodation. Each service has at least one 'core' provision (staffed 24 hours a day) and a range of self contained or shared accommodation options within the community known as cluster accommodation. The level of support provided is flexible and not fixed, support is tailored to the individual so can increase or decrease depending on their needs. A pathway model has been developed, in general young people start their journey in the core and then move into cluster accommodation prior to moving on into independence. The providers are also required to provide floating support to all young people that move on from the service into their own accommodation, this is time limited and will taper off as the young person becomes more independent. The cost of this floating support is covered in the one off journey fee.

13. Who should be approached within the council to discuss spot purchase commissioning, service provision, rates and referrals for accommodating looked after children in residential children's homes? Who is the specific named point of contact? [Ty Yousaf](#)

14. Who should be approached within the council to discuss spot purchase commissioning, service provision, rates and referrals for accommodating and/or supporting care leavers/uasc aged 16-17 years old? Who is the specific named point of contact? [Beth Downing](#) / [Ty Yousaf](#)

15. Who should be approached within the council to discuss spot purchase commissioning, service provision, rates and referrals for accommodating and/or supporting care leavers/uasc aged 18-24 years old? Who is the specific named point of contact? [Beth Downing](#)

16. Who should be approached within the council to discuss framework agreement/block purchase commissioning for accommodating looked after children in residential care/looked after children in semi-independent placements/care leavers/uasc? Who is the specific named point of contact? [Beth Downing](#) / [Ty Yousaf](#) / [Lynn Brammer](#)

17. 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?

#### [16+ Supported Accommodation](#)

[There are 3 providers – Framework Housing Association, and NCHA in partnership with New Roots](#)

Framework Agreement  
Adventure Care Ltd  
Altum Residential Care  
Amberleigh Care Limited  
Archways Care Ltd  
Beacon Childcare Ltd  
BetterCare Keys Ltd  
Birtenshaw  
Blue Mountain Homes Ltd

Bryn Melyn Care Ltd  
Cambian Childcare Ltd  
Capstone Care Provider Ltd  
Care 4 Children Residential Services Ltd  
Care Today (Children's Services)  
CareTech Community Services Ltd  
Chartwell Care Services Ltd  
Childhood First  
Compass Community Ltd  
Crystal Care Solutions  
Dalepeak Ltd  
Enabling Futures Ltd  
Esland North Ltd  
Family Care Associates Ltd  
Five Rivers Child Care Ltd  
Footsteps to Futures Ltd  
Homes 2 Inspire Ltd  
Grace Care  
Halliwell Homes Limited  
Hexagon Care Services  
Hillcrest Childrens Services Ltd  
Horizon Care & Education  
Inspirations Leicestershire Ltd  
Kedleston (Wings Education) Limited  
Keys Education Ltd  
Kisimul Group Ltd  
Kites Childrens Services  
Living Life (UK) Ltd t/a The Banyan Tree  
Meadows Care Ltd  
North Lakes Children's Services  
Nottinghamshire YMCA  
Options Group  
Oracle Care  
Pathway Care Solutions Group Ltd  
Prestige Adolescent Care & Education Ltd  
Priory Education Services  
Progress Children's Services Ltd  
Resolute Care LTD  
ROC Northwest  
Sandcastle Care Ltd  
Searchlight Care Services Ltd  
Senad Group: C4 = Aran Hall, Bladon House, Rowden House & Pegasus School - C3 = Alderwasley Hall School  
Stanfield Care Services Ltd  
The Caldecott Foundation  
The Place Young Peoples Company  
Total Care Matters Ltd  
Tree House Care Fostering Solutions Ltd  
Unique Care Homes  
Witherslack Group  
Young Foundations

Block Contract  
Homes 2 Inspire  
Castle Care/Priory