

Dear

I am writing to you in reply to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to Nottinghamshire County Council. I have the following information.

*1) Please state the number of placements of looked after children in unregulated placements (that is, placements where the provider is not regulated by Ofsted to provide care) in each of the last five calendar years, and the current calendar year to 28.10.19.*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of placements</b>
2015-16	99
2016-17	81
2017-18	99
2018-19	137
2019-20	77 (year to date)

*2) Please list the companies that supplied this accommodation and care to your authorities, and their company names and company numbers.*

The providers we have commissioned to provide support to young people over the past 3 years are listed below:

ANEW Young People Services Ltd
Berry Gifford Ltd - Leaving Care
Enabling Properties Ltd
Jani Homes
Jordan Xavier Ltd
Key2 futures
Maze Independent Care Ltd
NAID PROJECT
New Roots Housing Project
Newark Emmaus Trust
P&N Healthcare Services
Positive Independence
Safe Haven Accommodation
Sixteen Plus Ltd
Sunrise Homes Services Ltd.
Teen Support Services
Young People First
Framework Housing Association
NCHA in partnership with New Roots

*3) Please state the number of incidents of serious harm, serious incidents, or other never events reported to your authority as having occurred at these placements. Please provide any summaries of these incidents held in your events reporting database.*

I can confirm that the Council may hold some of this information. However it is not held in a format that allows it to be readily extracted or reported upon. To locate and provide the information would require a manual search of each discipline record.

You may be aware that there is a statutory limit to the amount of time authorities are required to spend in order to comply with a request. This is defined in the Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations as 18 hours.

We estimate that it will take one officer in excess of this limit to locate and retrieve the information you have requested. Therefore in accordance with Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act we will not be able to provide this information.

*4) Please provide a breakdown of these placements by the kind of property type they occupy from the following list:*

- a) apartment,*
- b) children's home,*
- c) domestic dwelling,*
- d) camp site,*
- e) caravan,*
- f) tent*
- g) houseboat.*

In Nottinghamshire we commission supported accommodation for young people aged 16-21. The County Council has two key arrangements in place for the commissioning of different elements of supported accommodation which Looked After children and Care Leavers aged 16-21 can access as part of their transition to adulthood. There are two types of placements available:

1. The main 16+ provision has 227 units of accommodation for homeless 16/17-year olds, LAC and Care Leavers transitioning from residential or foster placements and vulnerable homeless young people aged over 18.
2. Individual placement agreements commissioned via a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) with approved providers that are able to provide support for young people who need a greater level of support than is readily available within the main 16+ provision.

All supported accommodation commissioned is provided in suitable accommodation. There are a range of options available, for example this will include purpose built single site accommodation with 17 self-contained flats with staff on site 24 hours a day to provide support. Alternatively some accommodation has shared bathroom and kitchen facilities with individual bedrooms, or self-contained flats, or one or 2 bed houses. We do not commission providers in Nottinghamshire to deliver support in tents, caravan parks, campsites, or house boats.

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail [foi@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:foi@nottsc.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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