

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) How do you currently make referrals for Specialist Residential Placements as denoted above?

Children's:

The LAC Children's placement team send out placement requests for children with specific health needs through an East Midlands Framework. We also use the independent Children's home list. For children with such health needs it is also likely that health would procure the placement and not us. I am not aware that we have many such referrals in the past four years. We only secure placements for looked-after children.

Adults:

From August 2016 Nottinghamshire County Council changed the way it commissions Younger Adults (18-64) Residential Care Placements. Individual placement specifications are published via [a Dynamic Purchasing System](#) (DPS), allowing providers to submit a bid detailing how they intend to meet the needs outlined, and the proposed weekly costs.

The DPS enables the Authority to procure appropriate services offering residential care or nursing services which promote independence and help people move into supported accommodation. The majority of work procured through the DPS will be placements for individuals. Occasionally however the DPS may be used for other arrangements, for example to purchase a block of beds for emergency or respite use.

Providers must have experience of providing residential care services relevant to this DPS, be registered with the care regulator and must comply with the relevant regulatory standards. The provider list will operate electronically via the Due North procurement portal. The DPS will operate for a period of 10 years.

2) Do you currently source Specialist Residential Placements out of county?

Children's:

The East Midlands framework and ICHA list covers registered homes nationally. However, we will always seek a placement locally if this is in the child's best interest to sustain contact with their family, education and community for example.

Adults:

As per national guidance, Nottinghamshire County Council explores local provision to support individuals with eligible support needs.

In instances where out of county placements are required, specific location details will be included on the placement specification published via the DPS.

3) Please provide the Name, Telephone and Email address of the person who would make referrals for the services above

Children's:

The contact email for the Placement team is 01159774123 Email is Placements@nottsc.gov.uk. There is a duty worker on all week.

Adults:

Commissioners can be contacted by emailing dynamic.purchasing@nottsc.gov.uk

4) Do providers need to be on a Framework, AQP, APL, DPS to obtain referrals?

Children's:

Yes, to be approached in the first instance. If no one on the framework has a resource to offer, we will use the ICHA list.

Adults:

Yes

5) If the answer to Q4 is yes then please provide details of how to be included on the necessary Framework, AQP, APL, DPS etc.

Children's:

The East Midlands framework expires on 31st January 2019. You can apply to the new framework D2N2 via Dynamic provider list D2N2 children's.

Adults:

Any residential care home provider wishing to offer residential care placements to the council will need to apply to join the DPS approved provider list.

Register online - www.eastmidstenders.org

Apply to join the approved provider list - [Dynamic Provider List – Residential Care for Younger Adults](#).

The DPS system allows parent companies to submit applications on the DPS tender portal, negating the need for individual registration for each registered care home in their company.

6) Do you have a fixed charge rates for Specialist Residential Placements and if Yes please advise what your charge rate is.

Children's:

We have an approved pricing list on the EMFW contract. This will be the same for the D2N2 once started, as it is part of the tendering process.

Adults:

No; placements are commissioned on an individual basis via the DPS. Responses are assessed as per the process overview document. Providers must demonstrate they can meet 100% of the essential criteria and 50% of the desirable criteria. The submissions representing the three lowest priced compliant bids will be made available for consideration by the Service User. Once the submission date has elapsed, providers will be notified via a portal message of the initial outcome of the bid.

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.

Yours sincerely

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