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Request and Response:

Childrens Home Statistics

Please advise;

- 1. The number of registered Childrens Homes operated by the Local Authority as at 1st January 2019 and as at 1st January 2018;**

None

- 2. The number of registered Childrens Homes operated by an Independent (private or voluntary) provider within your Local Authority as at 1st January 2019 and as at 1st January 2018;**

2018 - 5

2019 - 6

LAC Statistics

Please advise;

3. The number of current looked after children (LAC);

451

4. The number of LAC currently placed within Local Authority Childrens homes;

4

5. The number of LAC currently placed within Independent Childrens homes;

27

Framework & Non-Framework Providers & Fees

6. In relation to any Frameworks you currently operate with Independent Childrens Home Providers, please provide the following information (including Provider name) about the number of LAC placed with Independent Childrens Homes, the average weekly fee paid for these placements, per type specified and whether the fees include any discounts agreed with said Provider. Please also advise the totals for all placements in each type specified i.e. total average weekly fee & total no of CYP in placement.

Please use the example format below and return in an excel spreadsheet if possible:

Framework											
Name of Provider	Average weekly fee (multi-staffing)	Average weekly fee (1:1 staffing)	Average weekly fee (2:1 staffing)	Average weekly fee (solo)	Average weekly fee (other)	No of CYP in placement (multi-staffing)	No of CYP in placement (1:1 staffing)	No of CYP in placement (2:1 staffing)	No of CYP in placement (solo)	No of CYP in placement (other)	Discounts Agreed (type & %)
IFA 1 name (example)	£	£	£	£	£						e.g long term, volume
IFA 2 name (example)	£	£	£	£	£						
Total (of all placements)	£	£	£	£	£						

We consider that the search result has resulted in information which is likely to result in the release of commercially sensitive information. Therefore we consider that it should be withheld from disclosure to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. This is due to the upcoming tendering for the Framework of providers and disclosure of this information may well prejudice this process. As per the Act we have conducted a Public Interest Test and have decided to implement Section 43(2) Commercial Interests.

7. As per question 6, please provide the same information; however, this time in relation to Non-Framework Providers i.e. where the Local Authority (LA) has placed with Independent Childrens Home Providers using a Spot Purchase mechanism because the Provider is not on a Framework with the LA. Please also advise the totals for all placements in each type specified i.e. total average weekly fee & total no of CYP in placement.

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Spot Purchase (non-framework)											
Name of Provider	Average weekly fee (multi-staffing)	Average weekly fee (1:1 staffing)	Average weekly fee (2:1 staffing)	Average weekly fee (solo)	Average weekly fee (other)	No of CYP in placement (multi-staffing)	No of CYP in placement (1:1 staffing)	No of CYP in placement (2:1 staffing)	No of CYP in placement (solo)	No of CYP in placement (other)	Discounts Agreed (type & %)
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Information provided by: Children Schools & Families.

Date of response: 3rd May 2019