



My Ref: FOI 6536
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

Please provide the information below in relation to adult supported living placements only, that were commissioned, funded, arranged or brokered by your organisation throughout the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. For this request, “supported living” means accommodation-based support where the person’s housing and care or support arrangements are legally separate. It excludes registered residential and nursing care homes. Where information is not held, please state “not held”. Where figures are requested, please provide information already held in a reportable form; no new analysis or calculation is required.

Q1) Does your organisation commission, fund, arrange or broker adult supported living placements? If yes, please identify the team or department responsible and briefly describe how referrals are circulated to providers, including how out-of-area searches are undertaken.

Yes. Adult Social Care commissions and arranges supported living placements. Social workers identify suitable accommodation based on assessed need, with care and support commissioned through the Community Supported Living (CSL) framework where required. The Supported Living Accommodation Panel supports matching individuals to available supported living vacancies and helps identify unmet need.

Q2) Do you use a Dynamic Purchasing System, framework, e-brokerage portal, care marketplace or other digital system to source or match supported living placements? If yes, for each system please provide: (a) its name; and (b) the number or proportion of supported living placements for which it is used, where recorded.

BMBC uses the (CSL) framework to source care and support provision associated with supported living placements. Accommodation vacancies are identified through social work, housing and provider networks and considered through the Supported Living Accommodation Panel.

Q3) Do you maintain a list or database of: (a) supported living providers; and (b) individual supported living schemes or properties? If yes, please provide: (i) the number of providers and schemes or properties recorded; and (ii) the information fields held for each scheme or property, including whether capacity, location and provider details are recorded. Individual addresses are not requested.

The council does not maintain a central database of supported living providers, schemes or properties. Accommodation is identified on an individual basis according to assessed need and may include housing provided by a range of landlords and housing providers. Care and support are commissioned separately through the council's contractual arrangements. Information on the number of providers, schemes/properties, capacity, vacancies and related data fields is not held.

Q4) Do you hold current or live information on vacancies or available capacity in supported living services? If yes, please explain: (a) how providers submit or update the information; (b) how frequently it is expected to be updated; and (c) who can access it. If no live information is held, please briefly describe how vacancies are identified.

The council does not hold live information on supported living vacancies or capacity in a central system. Accommodation options are identified on a case-by-case basis through social work teams, housing providers and landlords, and may be considered through the Supported Living Accommodation Panel. Information on provider updates, update frequency and access arrangements is not held.

Q5) For the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, please provide the following where recorded: (a) the number of supported living placement searches or referrals undertaken; (b) the number or proportion resulting in an out-of-area placement; (c) the average or median time from the start of a search to suitable provider options being identified; and (d) the average or median time from the start of a search to the person moving into the service.

The council does not hold a consolidated record of all supported living placement searches or referrals undertaken in the format requested.

The Supported Living Accommodation Panel considered 20 referrals between July 2025 and December 2025 and 49 referrals between January 2026 and June 2026. However, these figures relate only to referrals considered by the Panel and do not represent all accommodation searches, housing options or supported living referrals undertaken by Adult Social Care.

(b) The number or proportion resulting in an out-of-area placement: Not held.

(c) The average or median time from the start of a search to suitable provider options being identified: Not held.

(d) The average or median time from the start of a search to the person moving into the service: Not held.

Q6) Please provide copies of the following current documents, with all personal information removed: (a) any standard supported living referral form, assessment summary or referral passport; and (b) any written policy, guidance or process document covering supported living brokerage, matching, provider engagement or out-of-area placements.

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(a)The council uses a Supported Living Accommodation Panel Referral Form to present accommodation requests for consideration by the Supported Living Accommodation Panel. A copy of this form has been provided.

(b)The council does not hold a formal policy or guidance document covering supported living brokerage, matching, provider engagement or out-of-area placements. Placement decisions are made on a case-by-case basis, informed by social care assessments, professional judgement and relevant commissioning arrangements.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

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Barnsley
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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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SK9 5AF

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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