BARNSLEY
Metropolitan Borough Council

My Ref: FOI/4451
Your Ref:
Date: 27/05/2025
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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: -

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

1. **Does your local authority currently use a specific framework for residential placements for Looked After Children in OFSTED residential? If yes, please provide the framework's name and the email address or precise details of whom to contact for information on joining this framework.**
   White Rose Regional Commissioning
   whiteroseregionalcommissioning@leeds.gov.uk

2. **Does your local authority make direct placements with residential providers, or are placements exclusively commissioned through a framework or placement portal? If exclusively via a framework or portal, please specify which one is used.**
   The providers on the White Rose framework is our first point of contact. If the providers on the framework are unable to meet the need, we will then share the referral to Ofsted-registered providers on the Barnsley distribution list via email.

3. **General generic departmental email address used specifically for receiving communication with providers for referrals to source placements of Looked After Children for OFSTED residential.**
   ChildrensPlacements@barnsley.gov.uk

4. **Highest fees for OFSTED residential placements. Please advise the Highest current weekly fee.**
   £8,968.15

5. **How many children under 17 years old (inclusive) are currently placed in Ofsted residential children's homes by the local authority on spot purchase arrangements.**
   32

6. **Lowest fees for OFSTED residential placements. Please advise the Lowest current weekly fee.**

£4,194.00

7. **Number of children currently in Care.**
   356 Children in care on 27/05/2025

8. **Number of children currently in Regulated Placement in OFSTED residential homes.**
   48

9. **Number of children currently in Unregulated Placement.**
   3

10. **Name of manager and direct email of manager for placement team for OFSTED residential spot purchases.**
    REDACTED

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.

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Barnsley
S70 9GG
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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Kind regards,

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