



My Ref: FOI5337
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: -

Please provide the following details for the period October 2024 to October 2025. To confirm by "unregulated Placements" I mean Children's social care placements that were made in accommodation or provisions that are not regulated with OfSTED.

1. Number of unregulated placements - How many children's social care placements were made in accommodation or provisions that are not registered with OFSTED during this period

22

2. Style of unregulated placements - How many of these placements are solo placements or within one-bedroom children's homes

22

3. Total expenditure - What was the total cost incurred by the council for these unregulated placements during the same period?

£1,144,173

*We are unable to provide costs for unregulated placements prior to April 2025 as we did not account for spend at this level.

4. Number of providers - How many different providers were used to procure these unregulated placements?

8

5. Frameworks and due diligence processes - Please provide the names of any frameworks and/or describe the due diligence processes used to assess or procure these providers.

Due diligence checks are completed prior to placement commencing, which includes references and suitability check of the provider.

If any part of this request is unclear or would exceed the cost limit, please advise on how it can be refined.

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

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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