

FOI Reference Number: FOI/382/1819

Date: 16/11/2018

Request:

Dear Sirs/Madams,

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information I require is not available online elsewhere. For background information it relates to supported housing and social landlords who are in most circumstances Housing Associations.

The request is specific to specialist supported housing, adults between the ages of 18 - 65 and Residential Care.

1. A list of every care provider who operates in your Local Authority who is either on the framework or block contract or provides services under the auspices of spot contracts.
2. The procedure for getting care/supported living referrals? These can be in the form of a framework, spot contract and/or advertisement (pro contract, chest, etc.)
3. A list of all the social landlords who currently operate in the area and provide housing to the vulnerable adults.
4. Number of approved providers on their Preferred Suppliers List
5. Amount of users under provision
6. Amount of users under provision by age
7. Amount of users under provision by need (L.D/M.H/P.D/Forensic)
8. Amount of users placed out of borough
9. Amount of users awaiting placement
10. Amount of users coming through transition due to age or illness over the next 12 months
11. Who are the councillors who oversee adult services and health?
12. What is the range of Housing Benefit awarded (this is in regard to supported living only)?

I would like the above information to be provided to me as an email.

If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary.

If the release of any of this information is prohibited on the grounds of breach of confidence, I ask that you supply me with copies of the confidentiality agreement and remind you that information should not be treated as confidential if such an agreement has not been signed.

I understand that you are required to respond to my request within the 20 working days after you receive this letter. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 15/11/2018.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to Social Housing.

Please note that in Northern Ireland district councils are not responsible for the provision of housing. Please contact the Northern Ireland Housing Executive who should be able to help you with your request.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/382/1819 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.