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Dear [Name Redacted]

### **Freedom of Information – Request for Information**

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

#### **Details of Your Request**

*Please can you help with the following five questions about 'independent accommodation' used for children, including Looked After Children (LAC), age 16 and 17 years-old or younger. 'Independent accommodation' can include B&Bs, Hotels and private rental properties. Children, including LAC, aged 16 and 17 years old or younger housed in 'independent accommodation'*

- 1. How many children were housed in independent accommodation in 2017?*
- 2. How long did children housed in 'independent accommodation' spend in the accommodation (one night, a week or less, a month or less, more than a month, up to three months, six months or less, six months or more)?*
- 3. What were the ages of children housed in 'independent accommodation' (please provide a separate figure for each year of age)?*
- 4. How regularly were safeguarding checks carried out on 'independent accommodation' used to house children in 2017?*
- 5. Before placing LAC children in 'independent accommodation' were safeguarding risk assessments carried out on properties? If so who carried these out?*

#### **The response to your request as follows:**

**Please note: The information provided relates to placements we have placed under the homeless legislation and not obligations by children's services.**

1. Two - Neither were considered LAC and were accommodated in bed and breakfast through temporary accommodation offered through a homelessness application
2. Up to three months and Six months or less.
3. 17 years (However turned 18 during the accommodation period)
4. No information held
5. No information held as not considered LAC, however risk assessments are completed on all applications placed into temporary accommodation

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Yours Sincerely

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