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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI845740544

Thank you for your request for information relating to Unregistered Children's homes.

You have requested the following information:

1. Are there unregistered (illegal) children's care homes operating in your local authority that you are aware of?

Yes.

2) Has your local authority's children's social care used (placed children in) any unregistered (illegal) children's care homes? Regardless of:
-How long for.
-Whether the homes are located within your local authority area, or in other areas.
-Whether at the local authorities choice or directed by others such as a court/judge.

We have not placed a child in any unregistered (illegal) children's care homes, in the last 12 months.

3) Do you have policies in regards to unregistered (illegal) children's care homes? If so, can I view them?

When we are informed of any illegal homes operating in the city, we contact them and request information to seek information on what safeguards are in place with regard to the care being provided.

Please see attached document ‘Management Oversight & Process for an unregistered placement' for more information.

4) Do you routinely tell police about unregistered (illegal) children's care homes that come to your attention?

Not routinely.

5) When police request advice from your children's social care as to where to take children following incidents they are involved in, such as missing child episodes or police protection powers being used, have you told police to take children to unregistered children's (illegal) care homes? If so, were police told if the locations were unregistered (illegal) children's care homes or not?

No.

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Yours faithfully

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