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Dear

ATISN 16602 – Request for Information regarding unregistered children’s care homes

Thank you for your request for information received on 22/08/2022. You asked for the following information regarding unregistered children’s care homes:

1 - how many 'homes' are operating without registration within the Cardiff unitary boundary for under 18 years old.

At the time of writing there are 3 care home services for children operating without registration within Cardiff unitary boundary.

2 - of those 'homes' operating without registration, how many are directly attributable to the Local Authority (Cardiff) and how many are attributable to the private sector.

Cardiff Local Authority is responsible for providing 2 of these homes. None are attributable to the private sector. A Local Authority outside of Wales is responsible for providing the remaining home.

The Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (the 2016 Act) defines the regulated services which are required to register including the definition of a care home service. Where a person or organisation provides a regulated service without registration, we refer to this as operating without registration (OWR), although outside CIW this may be known as an unregistered service. This should not be confused with the term ‘unregulated service’ as this refers to services that do not require registration with CIW.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government’s handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government’s Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedomofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely