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Our Ref: FOI IAT 10560

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Dear Sir,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST FOI IAT 10560

Further to previous correspondence, your request for information has now been considered, and the council's response is set out below:

Q1 Currently how many short term respite provision Carers for children with special and complex needs are registered with the Council?

- A. There are carers within the generic fostering team who can provide respite for children with disabilities to support the existing carers of children with disabilities; these numbers vary according to the number and needs of children requiring such placements.

Currently there is one carer who provides regular short breaks for a specific child, and one other carer who provides respite to children with or without disabilities.

There are five other carers who could provide respite but their availability is currently blocked due to having full time placements.

Q2 Currently how many short term respite provision Carers for children with special and complex needs are currently undergoing training?

- A. Currently, the service has two families enrolled on preparation training.

Q3 Currently how many applications from prospective short term respite Carers for children with special and complex needs are awaiting assessment by the Council?

- A. The service currently has two families undergoing assessment for the overnight short breaks service.

Q4 How many registered short term Carers for children with special and complex needs do the Council plan to have by March 31 2016?

A. The service has a target to have six households by this date.

Q5 When did the council / WVT advise staff of No 1 Ledbury Road that the unit was closing. Please confirm that the staff were advised that they might wish to seek alternative employment. What was the job description of the person advising them of that?

A. Herefordshire Council does not hold this information. The staff at 1 Ledbury Road are employed by Wye Valley NHS Trust (WVT) and to obtain this information you will need to submit your query to that organisation, who can be contacted as follows:

The Freedom of Information Coordinator
Trust Headquarters
Wye Valley NHS Trust
The County Hospital
Union Walk
Hereford
HR1 2ER

Email: freedom.information@wvt.nhs.uk

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request or you would like a review of the response provided, further information regarding our review procedure is available in the 'Internal Review Procedure for EIR and FOI requests' which is published on Herefordshire Council's website via the following link:

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/government-citizens-and-rights/data-protection-and-freedom-of-information/data-protection>

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Yours faithfully

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