**WBCIR:19925**

**I am seeking information relating to accommodation that has been classed as ‘exempt’. I am seeking the housing benefit paid for such accommodation, broken down to include housing benefit and service charges as outlined below.**

**Exempt accommodation is defined as:**

***“Exempt accommodation” is a term used in Housing Benefit and Universal Credit to describe supported accommodation where the rules that normally limit the amount of rent covered by a benefit award do not apply.***

***The usual meaning of “exempt accommodation” is where the accommodation is provided by a Landlord in the social or voluntary sector and the benefit claimant is provided with care, support or supervision by the landlord or by someone acting on the Landlord’s behalf.***

**A claimant**

**Occupying exempt accommodation does not have their housing benefit restricted to the local housing allowance.**

**1. Details of the lowest awarded eligible core rent;**

£62.27 a week

**2. Details of the highest awarded eligible core rent;**

£575.26 a week

**3. Details of the lowest awarded gross eligible rent (i.e. inclusive of the core rent and the eligible service charges); and**

£131.75 a week

**4. Please confirm the names of exempt accommodation providers in your area. Please name the providers/landlords who currently hold exempt accommodation status in respect of any of their residents.**

Abri Group Limited

Hope And Vision

My Great Life

Transform Housing And Support Ltd

Housing Solutions Group

Alliance Living

Encircle Housing Association

Yeldall Christian Centres

A2 Dominion

Home Group Ltd

Ravenswood Foundation

Sovereign Housing Group

Dimensions

Space Supported Housing CIC

Ability Housing Association

**5. Please confirm the lowest and highest paid for temporary/emergency accommodation on a nightly rate basis and**

£16.11 a night

£27.28 a night

**6. Please confirm the lowest and highest amount paid to landlords and/or suppliers for temporary/emergency accommodation on a lease basis broken down by property type (table below)**

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| **Property type** | **Lowest paid (lease basis)** | **Highest paid (lease basis)** |
| 1 bed | £112.77 | £150  |
| 2 bed | N/A | N/A |
| 3 bed | £149.66 | £185.47 |
| 4 bed | N/A | N/A |
| 5 bed | N/A | N/A |

**7.     Please can you provide the Head of Temporary/Emergency accommodation (or equivalent position) contact details, including direct e-mail and phone number.**

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