

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022**

**Question**

Will the Minister –

- (a) explain what provision is in place to provide accommodation for care leavers and other children in need;
- (b) give details of the number of children in this category;
- (c) give details of the particular types of accommodation he has available to meet this need and the number of children in each specific type and the waiting list for each type;
- (d) give details of the number of children, and were relevant the number of children and other members of their family (including parents) housed in hotels and other temporary accommodation, such as Les Ormes, in each of the last four years and the cost of this provision over this same period;
- (e) explain what plans, if any, he has to alleviate this problem and what funds will be made available in the Government Plan to do so?

**Answer**

- (a) explain what provision is in place to provide accommodation for care leavers and other children in need;

Accommodation provided by CYPES	Ages	Capacity
1 Residential Young Person's Home	18 – 21	5
1 x Supported Accommodation	18 – 21	7
1 x Property for independent living	18 – 25	4

Accommodation for 16 – 25yrs old provided by 3 <sup>rd</sup> sector	Capacity
Strathmore – Shelter Trust	16 beds
Avalon – JAYF	5 x males
Bryan Skinner – JAYF	5 x mixed
Jeune House – JAYF	11 x female
Lyndale - JAYF	5 x male
Woodbine	3 x mix

The term Children in Need is a statutory definition, this group of young people would not be provided accommodation as their needs do not require it.

- (b) give details of the number of children in this category;

79 Care Leavers aged 18-25yrs old are currently supported.

- (c) give details of the particular types of accommodation he has available to meet this need and the number of children in each specific type and the waiting list for each type;

As in the table above, the Minister provides 13 places for care leavers in supported accommodation as regulated by the Jersey Care Commission, and 4 places in independent living.

Outside of this, Care Leavers will live in independent accommodation that is provided by Andium Homes or sourced through the private and third sector.

- (d) give details of the number of children, and where relevant the number of children and other members of their family (including parents) housed in hotels and other temporary accommodation, such as Les Ormes, in each of the last four years and the cost of this provision over this same period;

We currently have less than 5 Care Leavers residing in hotels so cannot report in further detail as it may identify individuals.

Total Accommodation costs for 2020 & 2021 for Care Leavers:- £46,627. For 2022 to date the total cost is £4,080

- (e) explain what plans, if any, he has to alleviate this problem and what funds will be made available in the Government Plan to do so?

We are developing a Sufficiency Strategy for Children in Care and Care Leavers with Government Departments and Andium Homes, to include supported accommodation for Care Leavers. Data is being analyzed to help forecast future needs and requirements. Any future Government Plan funding will be based on this analysis.