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Dear Will,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REF No: 497766**

Thank you for your information request, received on 3 September 2019.

You requested the following information:

I would be grateful if you could supply the following information from your local authority:

- Housing policy for care leavers
- Strategy for Children in Care
- Mental Health Strategy for Children in Care

Under the terms of the Open Government License, the documents above will be placed on the website of Isabel's Voice (free to the public), unless you remove your permission to do so.

Our response is:

- **Islington's housing offer to care leavers is included in our care leaving policy and can be found at following link:**  
[https://islingtonchildcare.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p\\_independ\\_future.html](https://islingtonchildcare.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p_independ_future.html)
- **Islington has strong support for children in care and care leavers verified by OFSTED and other internal and external mechanisms. Islington does not specifically have a Strategy for Children in Care**
- **Mental Health Strategy - Islington currently has a Vulnerable Children Needs Assessment which examines the prevalence and impact of a wide range of issues affecting the vulnerability of children, which includes poor mental health and the needs of looked after children and care leavers. A summary factsheet from this Needs Assessment forms part of the JSNA. Islington's approach to the JSNA is to use factsheets as chapters of the JSNA. However, the Evidence Hub website (<https://evidencehub.islington.gov.uk>) which holds these factsheets forms the wider evidence base for the JSNA, and the full Vulnerable Children Needs Assessment is available on this website.**

**A factsheet on children and young people's mental health is currently being drafted and this will form part of the JSNA going forward. This includes consideration for the higher prevalence of mental health conditions amongst looked after children.**

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Yours sincerely,

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