**Provider Clarification Response**

**Questions 1 and 2 Current Numbers to Cater for and Number of meals per day to cater for?**

Welford House and Arnold House Childrens Homes are two completely different homes. They are situated 2.6 miles apart from one another and providers are required to travel between the two homes independently.

The catering needs for each home is very different. Welford house is a children’s home for 6 children with emotional and behavioural difficulties. Providers are required to provide catering and training services to these children, preparing them for increasing independence. The kitchen is open, and children have full access.

Arnold House Childrens home is a specialist Childrens home for up to 5 children with complex Autism and physical disabilities and does not include the need for training services. The kitchen is closed and only members of the staff team have access.

Welford house Caters for 9 meals including Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner – 27 meals per day in total

Arnold House caters for 12 meals including Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner – 36 meals per day in total

At Arnold House the children’s routines are structured and this includes meals and snack times. The children have Breakfast, a snack, Lunch, a snack, Dinner, (including dessert), snack, Supper (usually a sandwich).

**3)The catering service is currently outsourced**

**4) What Level of food Preparation is training is required.**

Food Hygiene Level 3

**5) Time required per week per person for food preparation training.**

This is only required at Welford house. Children who are 16+ this time equates to 2hrs a week per child. The training consists of menu planning, increasing the child’s cookery and preparation skills. This time also includes taking children food shopping to buy the ingredients to cook (Enhanced DBS certificate is required for any provider working directly with children).

**6)Costing for current food provision.**

Welford house is currently spending £200 approximately per week on food and sundry items.

Arnold house is spending £400 approximately per week on food and sundry items.

**7) Hospitality catering.**

Providers will be expected to provide catering services at events, such as celebration days, family BBQ’s max 4-5 times a year and will be required to prepare sandwiches for training events 4 times a year approximately.

**8)Why is the provision only 3 days?**

Three Afternoons are spent at Arnold house - Monday’s, Wednesday’s  and Friday’s at 5 hours on each allotted day at total of 15hrs per week l . The rest of the hours are completed at Welford house Children’s home.