

My Ref: FOI4798

Enquiries to: Information Requests

E-Mail: <u>informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk</u>

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 please provide, for each care-home provider located in your local authority area, the average actual weekly fee paid by the Council during the financial year 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025 for the following categories:

- a) Residential care for adults aged 65 and over (personal care)
- b) Nursing care for adults aged 65 and over
- c) Residential care for adults aged 18-64
- d) Nursing care for adults aged 18-64

Please supply the output as a machine-readable CSV (one row per provider) with at minimum the columns:

provider name, provider postcode, care_category, average_weekly_fee_gbp

If releasing exact averages would engage Section 40(2) or Section 43(2), I am happy to accept the fees banded to the nearest £100.

If any part of the request would exceed the cost limit in Section 12, please provide the remaining information that can be supplied within the limit and explain what has been omitted.

We have re-visited the FOI as per your feedback.

A revised spreadsheet is now attached which includes all care homes registered in Barnsley. The spreadsheet is split by two tabs – the first tab includes care homes registered for older people (65 plus), the second tab are specialist care homes where placements are predominantly working age adults.

There are several caveats to the data supplied, these are as follows:

The spreadsheet includes the provider name and CQC location ID, we have not included the postcode as this information is publicly available via the CQC website.

Whilst the spreadsheet is split by older people and specialist placements the figures provided may include individuals outside of the quoted age range, for example specialist

care homes may include individuals over the age of 65. We are unable to address this without looking at individual client data in each provision.

The average fees provided have been arrived at using a report run from our Controcc system. The report looked at the sum of weeks and average cost, to provide an average. Some line items have been removed as these were causing a significant variation in the averages.

Some validation has been done however this has been minimal due to timescales. We therefore caveat that these figures should not be used as a definitive position.

The data provided is based on gross cost and will therefore include joint funded packages of care where the council is responsible for payment and recharges the NHS, this will also apply to FNC for nursing care placements. It is also inclusive of client contributions.

The averages may include ad hoc payments such as one-to-one support.

In some cases, the average is significantly high as a result of small numbers of highcost placements and therefore does not reflect the expected average should providers have a higher number of placements.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

Barnsley MBC Information Requests Team PO Box 634 Barnsley S70 9GG

email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

Customer Services Team Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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