



My Ref: FOI 6554
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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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: -

I am sending this to all local authorities with adult social care responsibilities in England. In order to assist with this research Please could you provide me with the following information:

- 1) the total number of individuals whose financial resources have been assessed by the local authority under The Care and Support (Charging and Assessment of Resources) Regulations 2014 for the financial years: 2022/23 2023/24, 2024/25; 2025/6**
- 2) out of the total number of individuals whose financial resources have been assessed, how many individuals were deemed to have financial resources above the financial limits set out in The Care and Support (Charging and Assessment of Resources) Regulations 2014 in each of the 2022/23 2023/24, 2024/25; 2025/6**
- 3) The number of FTE employed by the council in 2025/26 carrying out financial assessments under the above regulations**
- 4) The pay band for the FTEs employed by the council in 2025/26 to carry out financial assessments under the above regulations.**
- 5) The average amount of time taken by the local authority to carry out each financial assessment for the financial year 2025/26**
- 6) The average cost to a local authority of carrying out each assessment for the financial year 2025/6**
- 7) The annual total spend by the local authority on all aspects of adult social care for the financial year 2025/6**

A spreadsheet has been completed in line with the response request but for completeness please find the response to the questions below:

Question 1

	Number of Individuals
2022/23	1795
2023/24	1596
2024/25	1718
2025/26	1801

Question 2

	Number of Individuals above the financial limits
2022/23	280
2023/24	277
2024/25	295
2025/26	315

Question 3

There are 3.5 FTE employed by the council in 2025/26 carrying out financial assessments under The Care and Support (Charging and Assessment of Resources) Regulations 2014.

Question 4

The Finance Officer post is career graded from grade 5 to grade 7. The salary range is from £28,598 and £38,220. These figures are calculated before the 2025/26 pay award had been agreed.

Question 5

The average amount of time taken by the Council to carry out each financial assessment for the financial year 2025/26 is 1.30 hours per assessment.

Please note that the average completion time has been calculated using financial assessments completed during the 2025/26 financial year only and it should be

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acknowledged that officers undertaking financial assessments also perform a range of other responsibilities in support of the wider finance service. As a result, not all staff time is dedicated exclusively to the completion of financial assessments.

Question 6

The average cost per financial assessment to the Council in 2025/26 was £34.65.

The average cost has been calculated using the average time taken to complete a financial assessment during the 2025/26 financial year. Officers who undertake financial assessments also carry out a range of other duties in support of the wider finance service. Therefore, staff time is not dedicated solely to completing financial assessments, and the figure provided should be considered an average based on the information already provided.

Question 7

Gross Cost	£140.019M
Net Cost	£98.799M

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

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Kind regards,

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