



My Ref: FOI 6116
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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: -

Freedom of Information Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act/Environmental Information Regulations, I would like to request the following information:

This request is regarding residential and supported living services for adults with learning disabilities (LD), mental health (MH) and Complex Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

Unless otherwise stated, please provide data for:

Financial Year 2024/2025 (previous FY)

Financial Year 2025/2026 (current FY)

Where averages are requested, please provide the arithmetic mean.

Please provide answers wherever possible separately for each category of LD, MH, and ASD.

Please note that the information requested has been provided below, noting that 2025/26 is not the current financial year.

1. Average Fee Rates (Framework Placements Only).

Please provide the average fee rates paid to external providers on framework arrangements (excluding in-house services):

a. Residential care (weekly rate, £ per week)

Please provide the average weekly fee rates for the following service user groups:

i. Learning Disability (LD)

ii. Mental Health (MH)

iii. Autism / Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

iv. Please provide the overall average residential weekly fee.

Our residential framework is for older people, this does not exclude the above service user groups but is based on a primary need of being 65 plus therefore we have not provided those rates.

Placements for the categories above are purchased on spot arrangements, we do not have a framework for those placements.

Please refer to the answer in Question 2b for the average fee rates for spot arrangements. (Please note we do not record this data broken down by the service areas above).

b. Supported living (hourly rate, £ per hour)

Please provide the average hourly fee rates for the following service user groups:

i. Learning Disability (LD)

ii. Mental Health (MH)

iii. Autism / Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

iv. Please provide the overall average hourly supported living weekly fee.

The average 2024/25 hourly fee rate for Supported Living Framework providers is:

Tier One £22.57

Tier Two £24.47

Tier Three £26.56

The average night rate for framework providers is £137.32.

The average 2025/26 hourly fee rate for Supported Living Framework providers is:

Tier One £24.31

Tier Two £26.31

Tier Three £28.58

The average night rate for framework providers is £145.56.

c. If you have a complex framework rate please could you state this (£)

Tiers two and three are defined as complex and enhanced services.

2. Spot Purchase Placements

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a. Please provide the total number of spot purchase placements commissioned in:

i. FY 2024/2025 39 - residential placements

ii. FY 2025/2026 (to date or full year if available) 30 - residential placements

This is residential spot placements only we are unable to identify other spot placements due to how they are recorded on the system.

b. Please provide the average weekly fee (£ per week) for spot purchase residential placements.

2024/25 – Residential – £2,648.26

2025/26 – Residential – £2,841.58

c. If available, please also provide average weekly fees banded as:

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i. Low care needs

ii. Medium care needs

iii. High care needs

(If bandings are not formally defined, please provide your internal categorisation or confirm not held.)

We do not hold different rates for low medium and high care needs or record needs on the system in this way.

Please provide the average hourly rate for spot purchase supported living placements.

2024/25 – Supported Living - £22.88

2025/26 – Supported Living - £23.77

3. Out of Area Placements

a. Please provide the number of out-of-area (out of county) placements commissioned for adult LD, Mental Health and Autism services in:

FY 2024/25: 62 placements

FY 2025/26: 73 placements

b. Please define how your authority classifies an “out-of-area” placement.

Out of Area Placement (OOA) is when a person needing care is placed in a facility outside of Barnsley.

4. Fee Uplifts

a. Please provide the average annual fee uplift (percentage) applied to externally commissioned LD, Mental Health and Autism services in FY 2024/2025. Where possible, please separate by service type:

i. Residential care 7.32%

ii. Supported living 8.70%

b. Please provide the proposed or implemented average annual fee uplift (percentage) for FY 2025/2026.

Where possible, please separate by service type:

i. Residential care 6.57%

ii. Supported living 6.00%

5. Expenditure

a. Please provide total expenditure related to long-term placements in supported living for adults aged 18-64 during FY 2024/2025:

i. LD,

ii. ASD

iii. MH

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Supported living gross expenditure 2024/25 - £9,939,137 (we do not record this data broken down by the service areas above)

b. Please provide total expenditure related to long-term placements in supported living for adults aged 18-64 during FY 2025/2026:

- iv. LD,**
- v. ASD**
- vi. MH**

Supported living gross expenditure 2025/26 - £11,901,474 (we do not record this data broken down by the service areas above)

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
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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