



My Ref: FOI/4226
Your Ref:
Date: 08/04/2025
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: -

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

1. The formula used to calculate the increase that factored in the National Insurance Contributions (NICS).

The Council does not use a set formula to calculate fee uplifts. Consideration is given to a number of factors including changes to the national living wage, inflation, current care market profile and the total resources available to the council to fund all ongoing cost pressures which includes any agreed increases in fees.

2. The percentage of council tax allocated towards social care. Did the council apply the maximum threshold allowed for this allocation? If not, could you please provide the reason for not doing so?

A 2% Adult Social Care Council Tax Precept was agreed in 25/26 – the maximum allowed – The additional funding received from this increase has been allocated directly to the increased costs of Adult Social care.

The total council tax increase for 25/26 was 4.9% (the maximum allowed without a referendum being 5%).

3. The current reserves held by the council.

Total reserves as at 31st March 2024 held by the Council was £219 million, the majority of which is committed against specific projects etc. The balance as at 31st March 2025 is yet to be finalised.

4. The inflation rates for the following areas of care, and the resulting hourly/weekly/daily rates:

- OP Residential
- OP Nursing

- OP Residential EMI
- OP Nursing EMI
- WAA Residential
- WAA Nursing
- WAA Nursing EMI
- SL Day Support
- SL Night Support
- Out of Area Dom Care
- Home Care
- Extra Care
- Day Services
- Direct Payments

	% Fee Increase	25/26 Rate	Comments
- OP Residential	7.30%	£864.00	Per week
- OP Nursing	7.30%	£1,118.06	Per week
- OP Residential EMI	7.30%	£934.11	Per week
- OP Nursing EMI	7.30%	£1,188.17	Per week
- WAA Residential	Maximum of 7.30%		Working age adult residential placements are commissioned under spot contracted arrangements, we therefore do not have a fixed rate, with rates being variable according to need. We have awarded up to a maximum of 7.3% to individually agreed placement fees.
- WAA Nursing	Maximum of 7.30%		As above
- WAA Nursing EMI	Maximum of 7.30%		As above
- SL Day Support	6.00%	£23.77	Per hour - Average rate for Tier 1 support
- SL Night Support	6.00%	£137.25	Per night – Average rate for Tier 1 support
- Out of Area Dom Care			Out of area dom care would be negotiated case by case. In most cases we would match the host LA rates.
- Home Care	6.00%	£25.65	Average rate per hour
- Extra Care	6.00%	£22.64	Rate per hour
- Day Services	6.00%	£58.42	Average cost per day

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- Direct Payments		We are unable to provide figures for direct payments as these are not fixed and are dependant on the type of support purchased under the direct payment arrangement.
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Information Requests Team
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Barnsley
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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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