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Request:

We ask the council to provide the prices it pays to independent and voluntary sector homecare providers for the provision of regulated social care services delivered to people aged 65 years or above in their own home, during a seven day period which includes Monday, 23rd April 2018 (the "Reference Period").

Figures requested in items 'a' to 'c', below, should be expressed in pounds and pence per hour, as follows:

a. The lowest rate per hour paid to any individual homecare provider during the Reference Period;

£14 per hour

b. The highest rate per hour paid to any individual homecare provider during the Reference Period;

£14 per hour

c. The average ("arithmetic mean") price per hour paid to all homecare providers for all hours of homecare services purchased during the Reference Period;

It is not currently possible to calculate this value

d. The total hours of homecare purchased from all homecare providers during the Reference Period;

11,210 hours, this information is captured in the social care recording system and relates to planned provisioned hours of homecare.

e. The council's total spend on homecare services purchased from all homecare providers during the Reference Period;

This figure can only be approximated because the information the Council holds is based on four week periods and the Council has not yet received invoices from all homecare providers covering the reference period itself. Based on a week of the reference period providing 11,210 hours to clients aged 65+ this would approximate £156,940 in a week period.

f. In relation to contracts held with independent and voluntary sector homecare providers:

£140,000 (as above)

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i. Whether the council has imposed any requirement that providers pay their workers an hourly rate above the prevailing National Minimum Wage (including the National Living Wage);

The Council has not imposed a requirement that providers pay workers an hourly rate above the NMW or NLW.

ii. The maximum rate specified, if the answer to question f.i. (above) applies. n/a

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