

Reference: FOI1598

Request:

I would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding deferred payment agreement schemes within your local authority.

Below there are three questions we would be interested in finding out the relevant information for:

1. In 2018, how many people contacted you for information on how to pay for care?

Information is not held in this format, however please see FOI1514, copy attached, - 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019 5 new Deferred Payment agreements were lodged.

2. In 2018, how many peoples long term care did you - as the local council - pay for either in:
 - In full
 - Partially
 - Self-funding

Information is not held in this format for in full or Partially funded Long Term care and would require a manual check of over 2700 records at 5 minutes per record taking over 18 hours.

Therefore, this part of the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been considered. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.

The answer is 0 for Self funding client as they are Self funded

3. If someone has assets over a certain amount, they need to pay for their own care. If you are already paying in full or partially for a person's care and their financial circumstances change which means that they are now liable for these costs, how do you monitor this? Please confirm all that apply.
 - We expect the person (or their family) receiving care to notify us
 - We expect the care home to notify us
 - We conduct regular reviews of peoples funding eligibility
 - If we start paying for care for a person, we will do this for the remainder of their lives

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- Other - _____

Each client is financially assessed each financial year and if their circumstances have changed, this will be reflected in their financial assessment. We also request each client to notify the council in any to change to their financial circumstances.

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