



Reference: RFI 1706025

**Request:**

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), for details of the following information:

1. Details of the lowest, highest and average fee hourly rates agreed with external suppliers of the following services for 2017/2018:

- a. Domiciliary care services for the elderly in their own home.
- b. Domiciliary care services for adults under the age of 65 in their own home with specialist care needs such as learning disabilities, autism or physical disabilities.

Standard rate of £14.00 per hour – rates for 2016/17, currently being negotiated for 2017/18

(Please note that for questions 1a and 1b, we do not require details of rates paid to individual suppliers, simply minimum, maximum and average rates payable.)

2. Details of the minimum, maximum and average amount agreed per night for sleep-in shifts delivered to adults under the age of 65, with specialist care needs.

£73.60 per night, currently under review

3. Details of the percentage increase in hourly fee rates which were awarded to the previous year's levels.

Currently under review

4. Details of the number of hours provided in the week commencing 24 April 2017 for:

- a. elderly domiciliary care; and - 11,558.14 hours of care were delivered week commencing 14 April 2017
- b. specialist care (incorporating mental health, learning disabilities, physical disabilities). North Tyneside Council does not record specialist care in this way, so therefore can not be answered.

5. Of the hours listed in answer to question 4, please advise:

- a. what percentage was delivered by the independent sector, 90%
- b. what percentage was delivered by the local authority, and 10%
- c. what percentage was under direct payments/independent budgets This is not recorded by North Tyneside Council and is therefore not included in the answer to question 4

6. Total cost in the week commencing 24 April 2017 of the care hours provided by independent providers in both categories of care.

We do not record actual costs on a weekly basis. The commissioned (planned) cost for this week at the rate of £14/hour (note rates are under review for 2017/18) currently being paid is:-

£146,022.24