

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 003415
Date 29 March 2019

Elderly Care Fees

Request:

1. Does the Local Authority operate a usual cost of care for older person's social services? By usual cost of care, we mean set weekly fee rates that the Local Authority pays to care providers for older people's residential, residential EMI, nursing, and nursing EMI care.
2. If the answer to question 1 is 'yes', does the Local Authority have a banding system for fee rates? By 'banding system' we mean different levels of fees according to a council's own criteria i.e. quality grades.
3. If the answer to question 2 is 'no', please provide the Local Authority's own set weekly fee rates for **2018/19** and **2019/20** for:
 - a. Older person's residential
 - b. Older person's residential EMI
 - c. Older person's nursing
 - d. Older person's nursing EMI
4. If the answer to question 2 is 'yes', please provide the Local Authority's own weekly set fees associated with each band/grade for **2018/19** and **2019/2020** for:
 - a. Older person's residential
 - b. Older person's residential EMI
 - c. Older person's nursing
 - d. Older person's nursing EMI
5. Please provide the highest, lowest, average (mean) and median actual weekly fees paid to older person's care providers in **2018/19** and **2019/20**
 - a. Older person's residential
 - b. Older person's residential EMI
 - c. Older person's nursing
 - d. Older person's nursing EMI

In response to your above questions please see attached information provided in the table you requested on page 3.

Please note the following:

In response to question 3 where you ask for figures for 2019/2020, Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at:

- Section 1(1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held.
- The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

In respect of this question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as the rates for 2019/2020 are still under negotiation, figures for 2018-2019 used as an estimate.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

Assumptions Used:

- 1) Costs are based on permanent placements only that were active in 2018-19 or active in 2019-20.
- 2) Costs are Gross and do not factor in clients/third party contributions, or other funding streams (FNC's, Section 117), so the costs are what CWC pay.
- 3) Costs rates for 19/20 placements have yet to be finalised, so 18-19 figures used as an estimate.

FOI Answers

Local Authority: City of Wolverhampton Council
Date: 12/04/2019

If data for 2019/20 is not available, please provide predicted, estimated, negotiated or budgeted figures where appropriate

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Does the Local Authority operate a usual cost of care for older person's social services?	Yes
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If the answer to question 1 is 'yes', does the Local Authority have a banding system for fee rates?	No
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If 'no' to question 2, what are the Local Authority fees for:	2018/19	2019/20 *
a. Older person's residential placement	£412.65	
b. Older person's residential EMI placement	£463.05	
c. Older person's nursing placement	£412.65	
d. Older person's nursing EMI placement	£463.05	

*rates for 2019/20 not yet finalised

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If 'yes' to question 1, then what are the 2018/19 fees associated with each band for :	EXAMPLE Band 1				
a. Older person's residential placement					
b. Older person's residential EMI placement					
c. Older person's nursing placement					
d. Older person's nursing EMI placement					

Please also provide then the 2019/20 fees associated with each band for :	EXAMPLE Band 1				
a. Older person's residential placement					
b. Older person's residential EMI placement					
c. Older person's nursing placement					
d. Older person's nursing EMI placement					

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Please provide the highest, lowest, average (mean) and median actual weekly fees paid to older person's care providers for 2018/19	Highest	Lowest	Mean	Median
a. Older person's residential placement	£753.11	£395.64	£455.94	£420.15
b. Older person's residential EMI placement	£1,998.00	£401.00	£497.91	£463.05
c. Older person's nursing placement	£1,866.50	£371.29	£506.23	£452.65
d. Older person's nursing EMI placement	£3,500.72	£227.45	£561.81	£500.00

Please also provide the highest, lowest, average (mean) and median actual weekly fees paid to older person's care providers for 2019/20	Highest	Lowest	Mean	Median
a. Older person's residential placement	£753.11	£395.64	£450.07	£412.65
b. Older person's residential EMI placement	£867.14	£412.65	£487.56	£463.05
c. Older person's nursing placement	£1,866.50	£371.29	£505.97	£450.65
d. Older person's nursing EMI placement	£1,989.00	£227.45	£542.59	£497.47

*please note these are gross costs so do not reflect contributions from health or service users. The are also prior to any fee uplift which may be applied retrospectively.