

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000573
Date 2 November 2016

Direct Payment in Domiciliary Care

Request:

Please can you tell me the following; (all questions are related to Domiciliary Care for adults 18 and over)

1. The number of individuals receiving a Direct Payment for Domiciliary Care through an Agency
There are currently 157 service users (including carers) who receive a Direct Payment for Domiciliary Care through an Agency
2. The number of Individuals receiving a Direct Payment to employ a Personal Assistant
There are currently 334 service users (including carers) who receive a Direct Payment for Domiciliary Care to employ a Personal Assistant
3. The councils spend on Domiciliary care in the last financial year
The spend in the 2015/16 Financial year was £9.6 million
4. How much of this spend is going through a direct payment in the last financial year (approximate is fine)
Direct payment values are excluded from the figure in question 3.
5. If the price per an hour an individual is given for agency support is fixed based on council rates (i.e. a regular price would be £14) or if it is up to the individual to negotiate their own rate?
The Council requests that agencies do not charge Direct Payment customers at rates any higher than the rate at which the Council commissions hours. The current rate for a Direct Payment paid to a recipient is £13 per hour.
6. Does the council have a target to increase the number of individuals using a direct payment? If so what is this target?
No
7. Does the council have a Direct Payment Support Service?
Yes

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

8. Is there a manager responsible for the monitoring of Direct Payments? What is their name and title?
Janine Allen is the Principle Direct Payments Officer responsible for the administration of DPs which includes the monitoring of payments.