

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
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Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000727
Date 28 December 2016

Elderly Funding

Request:

My question relates specifically to Elderly people in residential homes in the Wolverhampton Borough. I would like to know how many elderly people are self-funding their own care.

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as information regarding self-funders is not routinely held by the Council as they would arrange and fund their care and accommodation themselves. Consequently, we are unable to provide this specific 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".

However, under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to provide advice and assistance to individuals making requests for information, we can inform you that as part of implementing the care act some work was undertaken with care providers during 2015 to get a better idea of the numbers of self-funders in the City. The information was based on responses from 81 providers in the City and contained responses from domiciliary care providers, residential homes and nursing homes. At the time it was reported by those providers that of the people that used their services on average 25.4% were self-funding their support. It is not possible to provide detail at a residential care home level only.

I also request information regarding financial assessments of the elderly; specifically how regularly are they carried out and if someone is deemed to have the funds to pay for their own care do you automatically reassess a persons finances and if so in what timescale.

Financial Assessments are reviewed yearly or when a change of circumstances is notified. Customers who are self-funding would arrange and fund their care themselves and therefore they would not be financially assessed by the Council.