



## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Adult Social Care – Funding Panels***

#### **Request:**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information on the use of funding panels within the council's adults' services department. For the purpose of this request, we define a funding panel as a panel to which social workers present cases, in order to get agreement and funding for the care and support package a person may need.

1. Does the council use a funding panel to make any personal budget allocation decisions for adult social care? [No](#)
2. Does the council have separate funding panels for different service user groups e.g. older people, learning disability? If yes, please list. [No](#)
3. What panels were in place on 1 November 2010, 1 November 2011, 1 November 2012, 1 November 2013, 1 November 2014, 1 November 2015, 1 November 2016?  
[In previous years there were the following panels, Mental Health, Older People, Transition, Learning Disability & Physical Disability panel.](#)
4. Does the funding panel consider residential care packages, domiciliary care packages, supported living packages, any other types of care? (Please list).  
[There is no funding panel as stated above.](#)
5. What is the financial threshold i.e. above what level of expenditure that requires a case to be considered by the panel? Please specify for each type of care.  
[There is no funding panel however the budget is delegated to managers ie. First tier managers can authorise up to £100, Senior Social Work Managers can authorise up to £250, Heads of Service authorise above £250](#)
6. Has this changed since the panel was set up? If so, when and from how much?  
[n/a](#)
7. Does the panel consider new cases only, or reviews of existing care packages as well? [n/a](#)

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8. Does the council operate any funding panels in conjunction with other agencies e.g. the NHS? If yes, please list these agencies and the remit of these funding panels.

There is no funding panel but there is a multi-agency meeting with a shared approach considering health and social care needs and associated costs.