

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002383
Date 19 July 2018

Prices paid for homecare services

Request:

1. The information requested

We ask the council to provide the prices it pays to independent and voluntary sector homecare providers for the provision of regulated social care services delivered to people aged 65 years or above in their own home, during a seven day period which includes Monday, 23rd April 2018 (the "Reference Period").

Figures requested in items 'a' to 'c', below, should be expressed in pounds and pence per hour, as follows:

- a. The **lowest** rate per hour paid to any individual homecare provider during the Reference Period; **£13.68**
- b. The **highest** rate per hour paid to any individual homecare provider during the Reference Period; **£15.00 (homecare for 65+ excludes reablement)**.
- c. The **average** ("arithmetic mean") price per hour paid to all homecare providers for all hours of homecare services purchased during the Reference Period; **£14.47**
- d. The **total hours** of homecare purchased from all homecare providers during the Reference Period; **10810.25 hours commissioned**
- e. The council's **total spend** on homecare services purchased from all homecare providers during the Reference Period; **£143,638.29**
- f. In relation to contracts held with independent and voluntary sector homecare providers:
 - i. Whether the council has imposed any requirement that providers pay their workers an hourly rate above the prevailing National Minimum Wage (including the National Living Wage); **No**
 - ii. The maximum rate specified, if the answer to question f.i. (above) applies. **N/A**