



## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Social Care***

#### **Request and response in 'blue':**

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act for your Local authority:

#### **Third Party Top-Ups**

1. (a) Could you confirm the total number of ongoing care home\* placements in your local authority area where a third party top-up is paid for someone aged over 65? Please also specify what percentage of the total ongoing care home placements are funded through a third party top-up (\*please include care homes with nursing in your response to questions 1-4)

Total number of Third Party top ups = 144 = 13% of all placements

(b) Of the total number of third party top-ups in your local authority area regarding a care home placement for someone aged over 65, please provide the percentage breakdown of those third party top-ups arranged between:

- i) the third party, the provider, and the local authority. 144
- ii) the third party and the provider. None

Can you please provide data for the following financial years?

1 April 2015 - 30 June 2015 (three month period) As above

1 April 2014 - 31 March 2015 Total number of Third Party Top Ups 120 = 10%

1 April 2013 - 31 March 2014 Total number of Third Party Top Ups 101 = 8%

1 April 2012 - 31 March 2013 No records held

2. How often does the council review individual third party top-up agreements for care homes in your local authority area? (please specify whether this review takes place as part of the service user's annual review and how the third party is included).

Yearly as part of the service user's annual review

3. What percentage of those individuals who have entered a third party top-up arrangement with the local authority since April 1 2015 have been presented with a written agreement prior to starting the payment?

All third party agreements are in writing and form part of the Service Agreement – Part A is between the Council and the Care Home; Part B is between the Council and the Service User and Part C is the Third Party Agreement where relevant.

4. What information and advice services are provided by your local authority to ensure people receive 'sufficient' information and advice prior to entering a third party top-up agreement? Please specify both online and offline sources (please attach any information materials made available if possible)

Information online and available in booklets/factsheets which are currently being updated; information also provided by social worker as part of assessment process and financial assessment officers where relevant

Does this include a referral to independent financial information and advice? (please attach any information materials made available if possible. We would be particularly interested to know if a directory is provided)

Not currently but under review

#### **Eligibility for social care**

5. Of those people aged over 65 undergoing a care and support assessment for the first time, what total number and percentage of these people were found eligible for care and support? (we are interested in any care and support provided, including both domiciliary care and care home placements)

Can you please provide data for the following financial years?

1 April - 30 June 2015 (three month period)

136 new clients went onto receive a service, this equates to 82% of new clients assessed during the period.

1 April - 30 June 2014

226 new clients went onto receive a service, this equates to 84% of new clients assessed during this period.

1 April - 30 June 2013

239 new clients went onto receive a service, this equates to 87% of new clients assessed during this period.

1 April – 30 June 2012

211 new clients went onto receive a service, this equates to 73% of new clients assessed during this period.

Please provide this information in an Excel spreadsheet, if possible.

6. Of those people aged over 65 already in receipt of care and support prior to 1 April 2015 who have received a review in the period 1 April - 30 June 2015, what total number and percentage of the reviews have resulted in:

- a) a decision that the person is not eligible and the council will not provide any care and support  
There were 3 adults aged over 65 in the period between 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (less than 1%) who following their review they were no longer eligible for care and support.
- b) a decision that the person does have care needs and the council will meet all of those needs  
There were 263 completed reviews in the period between 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 where the needs were identified, however we are unable to identify whether the council is able to meet all of those needs from our social care system.
- c) a decision that the person does have care needs and the council will meet some but not all of those needs?  
There were 263 completed reviews in the period between 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 where the needs were identified, however we are unable to identify whether the council is able to meet all of those needs from our social care system.

Please provide this information in an Excel spreadsheet, if possible.

### **Wellbeing principle**

7. What measures, as part of the new eligibility process under the Care Act, does the council adopt when making a eligibility decision following a care and support assessment to determine what constitutes 'a significant impact on a person's wellbeing'?
- SCIE guidance is followed what significant impact means. This outlines that significant impact should be determined on an individual case basis and take into account the effects of both the single and cumulative effects of the inability to meet outcomes.