

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

**You asked:**

### **Learning Disability Residential Care**

**1. How many people with a Learning Disability has the local authority placed in Registered Care Homes at 31st December 2012? (31<sup>st</sup> March 2013)**

As discussed; the responses throughout this request are based on the figures as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. Information required over a 6 month period is taken from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

279 supported residents (aged 18 and over) with learning disabilities are in Residential / Nursing registered care homes as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

- a) How many are placed into LA run homes **1**
- b) How many are placed into the Not for Profit sector homes (defined as Voluntary Sector) **13**
- c) How many are placed into private enterprise run care homes **265**

**2. What is the average fee for placements in each of these sectors?**

The average cost per week in independent sector is £818 and per week for own provision is £2,960. Please bear in mind that these are gross expenditure including overheads and not simply the fees.

**3. How many new placements were made from 1st July 2012 October 2012 to 31st December 2012 March 2013? (Oct 2012 to March 2013) **6****

- a) Of the new placements how many were placed into contracted beds? **0**
- b) How many spot placements were made? **6**

Of the spot placements how many were placed into LA Care Homes **(1)**, the Not for Profit Sector **(0)**, and into Private Enterprise providers **(5)**

**4. Of the new placements made from 1st July 2012 to 31st December 2012 how many had an individual budget? (October to March 2013) - **4****

**5. What percentage decrease/increase in residential care placements by the local authority happened between 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 and 31<sup>st</sup> December? (March 2012 to March 2013)**

As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 there were 294 supported residents with learning disability, aged 18 and over, in Residential / Nursing Care  
As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 there were 279 supported residents with learning disability, aged 18 and over, in Residential / Nursing Care  
This shows a 5.1% decrease in learning disabilities supported placements when compared to the previous year

### **Learning Disability Supported Living**

**1. How many people with a Learning Disability has the local authority placed in a Supported Living Environment at 31st December 2012?**

(March 2013) - 234

- a) How many are placed into LA sponsored providers? 0
- b) How many are placed into the Not for Profit sector providers – (definition - provider considers themselves as a VCS provider)? 101
- c) How many are placed into private enterprise providers? 133

**2. What is the average fee for placements in each of these sectors?**

The range for the hourly rate for day support and waking night support is between £12.70 per hour to £13.27 per hour and for sleeping-in support (10.00 p.m. until 7.00 a.m.) is between £4.20 per hour to £4.40 per hour.

**3. How many new placements were made from 1st July 2012 to 31st December 2012? (October 2012 to March 2013) – 6**

- a) Of the new placements how many were placed into contracted supported services? 0
- b) How many spot placements were made? 6  
Of the spot placements how many were placed into; the Not for Profit Sector providers (3), and into Private Enterprise providers (3)

**4. Of the new placements made from 1st July 2012 to 31st December 2012 how many had an individual budget? (October to March 2013) - 5**

**5. What percentage decrease/increase in supported living placements by the local authority happened between 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012? (March 2012 – March 2013)**

Both periods have 234 placements made in supported living hence no change.

### **For all learning disability placements**

**1. Has the local authority carried out a true cost of care exercise? Where can it be accessed? What methodology was used in the exercise eg Care Funding Calculator?**

The care home fee exercise for banded rates is currently under consultation with providers. Information relating to this can be found on our web site.

Leicester City Council has an agreed methodology within Adult Social Care for the commissioning of individual high cost packages (+£750) for both Residential Care and Supported Living Services. This methodology involves the application of the Care Funding Calculator for newly eligible and existing customers at the point of review or reassessment, across all customer groups, including those with Learning Disabilities and complex needs. This methodology is applied following the completion of a Community Care Assessment or Reassessment, determination of whether the person is eligible for support and a subsequent support plan having been drawn up.

The Care Funding Calculator is applied on an individual basis to:

- Establish the level of staff support required to meet an individual's needs;
- Support negotiations and agreement of fees, which are appropriate to the needs of the individuals and represents best value;
- Support negotiations and agreement of fees in a transparent way by taking into account information from providers around the actual cost of care for that individual;
- Document any specific outcomes which have been agreed with the service user where they want to develop their skills;

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