

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:

For the avoidance of doubt, questions 1 – 6 relate solely to the weekly fees paid by the local authority to independent care home providers for the provision of care to elderly service users.

1. Has the local authority, at any point since 2000, instructed independent consultants to carry out a Fair Price for Care exercise in order to assess an appropriate fee level? If yes, in what year.

Yes 2011

2. In the wake of the recent court activity (previously outlined), has the local authority instructed independent consultants to carry out a Fair Price for Care exercise in order to assess an appropriate fee level for the forthcoming 2012/13 fee review?

Yes

3. If the response to 2 is no, is there an intention to instruct independent consultants to carry out a Fair Price for Care exercise in due course?

N/A

4. Have historic elderly care fees paid by the local authority reflected, through a banding or similar methodology, the varying quality levels of accommodation and/or care available within independent care homes?

Banded rates are applied based on the level of need of an individual.

5. If the response to 4 is yes, were the CQC Star Grades utilised and, if so, have differentiated fee levels now been disbanded with the demise of CQC Star Grades?

N/A

6. Is the local authority keen to encourage quality environment and care in future through the adoption of variable fee levels rewarding/penalising care home operators dependent upon the quality of service provision?

We are developing a Care Homes Quality Assessment Framework; no final decision has been taken on the link to payments.

7. Does the local authority operate care homes for the elderly (permanent or respite)?

Yes

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Information Governance Manager

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Leicester City Council

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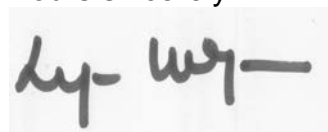
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Yours sincerely



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