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Our ref: ENQ10995-REQ001

Dear Sir,

Freedom of Information Request – ENQ10995-REQ001

Thank you for your request for information dated 27 March 2019 in which you asked for the following information:

Wiltshire Council have introduced and applied The Care Funding Calculator to residential services for people with learning disabilities. Prior to this implementation, was an exercise carried out to ensure compliance with Competition Law, and in particular, abuse of dominant position? If so, please supply me with a copy of this analysis.

Has the Care Funding Calculator been applied to Wiltshire Council's in house services for people with a learning disability?

Please supply me with an analysis showing how many care placement fees:

- a. Have been reduced since the introduction of the Care Funding Calculator.
- b. Have been increased since the introduction of the Care Funding Calculator.

Please supply me the following information:

- a. The average cost per week for a residential placement for a person with a learning disability.
- b. The average cost per person per week in a Wiltshire Council run home for people with a learning disability. ie in house respite services. Please include in this back-office costs such as personnel, payroll, insurance, office costs and all other costs incurred in the provision of the service.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act') The Council is obliged to:

- Let you know whether we hold the information you have requested
- Provide you with the requested information, if held, (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

I can confirm that Wiltshire Council holds some of the information you have requested. The information you requested is as follows;

Wiltshire Council have introduced and applied The Care Funding Calculator to residential services for people with learning disabilities. Prior to this implementation, was an exercise carried out to ensure compliance with Competition Law, and in particular, abuse of dominant position? If so, please supply me with a copy of this analysis.

The process for purchasing residential care has not changed. Prior to using the Care Funding Calculator tool from 2016, we were using the Fair Pricing Tool, which hadn't been updated since 2008. Analysis of dominant positions was not done prior to the implementation of this tool and is not done now. However, we continue to follow public procurement regulations to ensure fairness and transparency across the provider market. Therefore, whilst the supporting tool has changed to an updated web based version, the process remains the same.

Has the Care Funding Calculator been applied to Wiltshire Council's in house services for people with a learning disability? **We do not provide in house residential care.**

Please supply me with an analysis showing how many care placement fees:

a. Have been reduced since the introduction of the Care Funding Calculator.

9 providers 43 people

b. Have been increased since the introduction of the Care Funding Calculator.

10 Providers 64 people

Please supply me the following information:

a. The average cost per week for a residential placement for a person with a learning disability.

£1678 per week (Includes in and out of County)

b. The average cost per person per week in a Wiltshire Council run home for people with a learning disability. ie in house respite services. Please include in this back office costs such as personnel, payroll, insurance, office costs and all other costs incurred in the provision of the service.

The Average cost is £2391.30 per week.

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If you are dissatisfied with the above response you have a right to request a review of your request for information. Details of the complaints and review procedure are appended to this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Council, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act is entitled to complain and request an internal review of their request for information if they are dissatisfied with the response they have received.

Requests for review of Freedom of Information requests must be made in writing (includes email) to:

Freedom of Information Lead
County Hall
Bythesea Road
Trowbridge
Wiltshire
BA14 8JN

Email FOI@wiltshire.gov.uk

Please include the reference number, date of your request and details of why the review is being requested. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Freedom of Information Lead within 40 calendar days of the response to the original request.

Any request for review will be acknowledged in writing confirming the reasons for the review. The Freedom of Information Lead will allocate the review to someone who is independent of the original decision. The person conducting the review will set a target date for a response with the intention to complete the review within 20 working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The reviewer will conduct a full review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account any matters raised by the requestor.

On completion of the review the reviewer will reply to the requestor with the result of the review. If the requestor is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to appeal the decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted using the following details:

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