



Ms Rose Smith

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**Our ref:**

4352938

**Date:**

16 February 2021

Dear Ms Smith

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**Q1. *How many assessments under the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards were conducted during the period 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020 by each of the following:***

- a.) Council employed Best Interest Assessors***
- b.) Independent Best Interest Assessors (not employed directly by the Council)***
- c.) Mental Health Assessors***
- d.) Assessments allocated to 3rd party service providers for completion***

- A1. a) 12  
b) 1051  
c) 877  
d) 0

**Q2. *Please provide the total spend on the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards assessments between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2020, on each of the following:***

- a.) Employed Best Interest Assessors***
- b.) Independent Best Interest Assessors***
- c.) Mental Health Assessors***
- d.) 3rd party service providers***

- A2. a) £0 (completed as part of mainstream roles).  
b) £332,830.68  
c) £152,045.49  
d) £0

**Q3. *What is the standard price paid per BIA assessment***

**Central Bedfordshire Council**

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Community Services  
Central Bedfordshire Council  
Priory House, Monks Walk,  
Chicksands, Shefford  
Bedfordshire SG17 5TQ

**Telephone:** 0300 300 8301

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A3. £316.68

**Q4. What is the standard price paid per Mental Health Assessment for DoLS**

A4. £173.37

**Q5. Please provide the name of the local DoLS Lead or Team Manager**

A5. Dan Baker

Please quote the reference number 4352938 in any future communications.

If you wish to request a review of this response, please contact us either by email ([accesstoinfo@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:accesstoinfo@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)) or in writing to the reply address detailed below.

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If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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Telephone: 01625 545 700

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I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Joanne Mulliner  
Freedom of Information Officer