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Date: 26 February 2021  
Our Reference: 10844849

Dear Rose Smith

**Information Request - 10844849 - How many assessments under the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards were conducted during 2020**

I am responding to your request for information, which has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) and logged as case 10844849.

Your request is as follows:

*Please can you provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:*

*1 - 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*

*2- 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*

*3 - What is the standard price paid per BIA assessment*

*4 - What is the standard price paid per Mental Health Assessment for DoLS*

*5 - Please provide the name of the local DoLS Lead or Team Manager*

I can confirm that Cheshire East Council holds the information you have requested. I have enclosed copies of the information that is being released to you.

1-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 - **871**
- b.) Independent Best Interest Assessors (not employed directly by the Council) - **401**
- c.) Mental Health Assessors – **821**
- d.) Assessments allocated to 3rd party service providers for completion - **0**

2- 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 - **£315,153**
- b.) Independent Best Interest Assessors - **£93,870**
- c.) Mental Health Assessors - **£143,631**
- d.) 3rd party service providers - **n/a**

3 - What is the standard price paid per BIA assessment - **£300**

4 - What is the standard price paid per Mental Health Assessment for DoLS - **£175**

5 - Please provide the name of the local DoLS Lead or Team Manager - **Tom Cox**

Please quote the reference number 10844849 in any future communications.

Please note that an anonymised copy of this response may be published in the Council's Disclosure Log, which is available online at the following address: [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/foi](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/foi)

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your request or if you are not happy with the way your request has been handled, you can request an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 20 working days of our response by emailing [foi@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:foi@cheshireeast.gov.uk) or in writing to Compliance & Customer Relations Team, Cheshire East Council, 1st Floor, Westfields, c/o Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, CW1 2BJ.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you then have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF; Tel: 0303 123 1113; Fax: 01625 524510 or <https://ico.org.uk> The Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the Council's internal review process has been completed.

Yours faithfully

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