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Date: 29th December 2016

Dear Ms Burnip,

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 / Environmental Information Regulations 2004
Information request**

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request. We have now considered your information request as set out below.

You asked

1. How many adults are you providing social care to now compared with 2010?

Our response:

We shall be able to provide a response to this question by Friday 6th January 2017.

You asked:

2. How many adults receive a Direct Payment to fund their social care?

Our response:

We shall be able to provide a response to this question by Friday 6th January 2017.

You asked:

3. Are there any restrictions on the number of hours adult social care funding you will fund or are there any plans to introduce a limit?

Our response:

The number of hours funded is determined by the customer's assessed need.

You asked:

4. What are the DP rates that you pay to adults who directly employ PAs - what are the hourly rates for;
Weekday daytime rates
Weekday evening rates
Weekend daytime rates
Weekend evening rates

Our response:

For a personal assistant through a direct payment we pay £10.65 per hour with the PA being paid up to £8.42 per hour.

You asked:

5. What rates do you pay to adults, who directly employ their own PAs for Overnight Rates -both for sleeping and waking nights and what hours does this payment cover?

Our response:

For a personal assistant through a direct payment we pay £10.65 per hour with the PA being paid up to £8.42 per hour.

You asked:

6. What Bank Holiday Rates do you pay to adults, who directly employ their own PAs?

Our response:

For a personal assistant through a direct payment we pay £10.65 per hour with the PA being paid up to £8.42 per hour.

You asked:

7. Are these standard rates that all DP users receive or does the amount paid vary depending on the complexity of need?

Our response:

Our rates apply to all direct payment customers.

You asked:

8. When were the rates in questions 4, 5 and 6, first set at their current rates?

Our response:

The rates were last reviewed in 2010.

You asked:

9. Do you anticipate these rates will be increased, and what to, from April 2017?

Our response:

The rates are currently under review.

You asked:

10. What is the highest weekly or annual DP and lowest weekly DP you make to fund adult social care?

Our response:

We shall be able to provide a response to this question by Friday 6th January 2017.

You asked:

11. What additional employer costs are funded through these rates eg.
National insurance employer contributions Statutory paid holidays Payroll charges,
Independent living insurance, Advertising, National Minimum Wage increase from April
2016.
Redundancy payments,
Pensions.
Training.
Contingency funding

Our response:

For a personal assistant through a direct payment we pay £10.65 per hour with the PA being paid up to £8.42 per hour. The remainder is to cover on costs such as: holiday pay, renewal of employer's liability insurance and payroll costs etc.

You asked:

12. If pensions are not fully funded using DP rates, how will they be funded?

Our response

We ensure that our direct payment customers receive sufficient funding to cover their statutory pension costs.

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Yours sincerely



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