

Dear Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council,

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

406

b.) Independent Best Interest Assessors (not employed directly by the Council)

118

c.) Mental Health Assessors

501

d.) Assessments allocated to 3rd party service providers for completion

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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

406 x hourly rate of £20 (pre tax) = £8120 x average 11 hours per assessment = **£89,320.**

169 x hourly rate of £20 (pre tax) = £3,380 x average 5 hours per review = **£16,900.**

b.) Independent Best Interest Assessors

118 x £225 = **£26,550**

c.) Mental Health Assessors

501 x £174 = **£87,174**

d.) 3rd party service providers

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3 – What is the standard price paid per BIA assessment

£225 + travel expenses

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

£174 + travel expenses

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

Esther Donald – Mental Capacity and DoLS Operational Manager