

21<sup>st</sup> June 2019

**Steve Field**  
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*Our ref.: FOI/19/180*

**Dear Mr Field**

**RE: Freedom of Information (FOI) request – Direct and indirect costs for Beltany House**

We refer to your Freedom of Information request which was received by the Western Health and Social Care Trust on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

Your request

**“The Western Health and Social Care operate a respite service in Omagh “Beltany House” We would like to know how much the service costs to operate include direct and indirect costs. This is to undertake a cost comparison with our new development. The Trust has stated that respite must come under the residential regional tariffs rates. How much does it cost for a person to stay at Beltany House per night and does it equate to the regional tariffs?”**

Please see below a Trust response to your request;

Beltany House is owned and operated by the Western HSC Trust. It is a 3 bedded unit providing respite care to adults with a Learning Disability who have complex needs, the majority of whom require 1-1 or 2-1 staff support. In addition to care and support provided it should be noted this facility has a dedicated mini bus which meets the transport need of all service users.

The cost to the Trust of operating this facility is £425 per person per night (this is based on the latest published costs 2017/18 and includes direct and indirect costs/overheads). This facility cannot be easily compared to the regional tariff for Learning Disability as the size of the facility incurs considerable diseconomies of scale.

We hope you find this response helpful. Please contact us at the below address if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

(Not signed – issued by email)

**Freedom of Information Office  
Western Health and Social Care Trust**

*Freedom of Information: If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the FOI Office, Lime Villa, Gransha Park, Clooney Road, Londonderry, BT47 6WJ ([foi.request@westerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:foi.request@westerntrust.hscni.net)) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, usually within 20 working days of receipt.*

*If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.*