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Mr Keith Poskitt
By email to: request-820230-75649d3c@whatdotheyknow.com

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Dear Mr Poskitt,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1383042

Thank you for your request dated 6 January, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

“I would like to know the number of people receiving adult social care broken down across the 151 Councils with Adult Social Services Responsibilities (CASSRs) in England.”

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

DHSC holds information relevant to your request. Attached is a spreadsheet listing figures to meet your request. These are from the 2020-21 Activity and Finance Report reference tables, published by NHS digital. This collects data on the care commissioned by each of the CASSRs and therefore will not reflect those who commission and fund their own care (self-funders). The first sheet lists the number of people in long-term care at the end of year. This provides a snapshot and therefore is the best estimator of the number of people currently in long term care. Also included are the total number of short term care clients throughout the year of 2020-21. This is a during year figure as short term care clients often have more than one instance of ST-Max (short term care to maximise independence). Because of this, these figures do not reflect the number of clients receiving short term care at any one time but instead are intended to show the scale of short term care during a year.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal by asking for an internal review. This should be sent to freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk or to the address at the top of this letter and be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communication.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may complain directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have already appealed our original response and received our internal review decision. You should raise your concerns with the ICO within three months of your last meaningful contact with us.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Website: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns>

Yours sincerely,

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