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Dear Dave Brady

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

I am writing in respect of your recent enquiry for information held by the Council under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am unable to provide the full range of information you have requested on the cost of care packages and funding components over the last five years.

Our client based computer system does record the care packages for each service user but people do not necessarily have just one package per year with a specified cost; they may have a number of consecutive, concurrent or separate packages with possible reviews of care levels and thus cost levels.

Under FOI the Authority has a right to refuse to an applicant information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the 'appropriate limit'. That limit for local authorities is £450 as indicated by the Lord Chancellor. I must inform you that additional work is required to obtain and collate the full range of data to meet your request.

On **cost packages**, we could do for you within the time limit a "snapshot" for the end of each year to look at the open packages of care and their cost. Therefore please tell me whether you wish to accept these data or if you require a cost estimate of dealing with the request in full.

On **Independent Living Funding**, we do not hold data other than as 'free text' and that would not therefore be capable of download or analysis.

On **Continuing Care funding**, our suggestion is to find the number of agreements that have been closed with an end reason of 'Adult - Health Funded (continuing care)' and a number of agreements (approximately 60) where the notes field includes 'CHC' or something similar. As with the ILF, it is impossible to tell whether this would represent a full data set or not. Again please tell me if you wish to accept these data.

If you require any further information or are not happy with my response, please do not hesitate to contact me direct.

Yours sincerely,

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