11 May 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 505/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request/Response:

I write as a member of the Independent Living Strategy Group, a network of disabled people organisations dedicated to the promotion of independent living. We are currently undertaking a review of local authority practices in relation to the charging for social care.

We are particularly interested in responses to the questions below and request that you provide information in relation to them, if for any reason you require any clarity on what is being asked please feel free to contact: admin@in-control.org.uk.

1. Do you currently charge recipients of ‘non-residential social care services’?
   
   Answer: Rutland County Council charges recipients of non-residential services.

2. Do you charge carers for support services that you provide to them?
   
   Answer: Rutland County Council does not currently charge carers for support services.

3. When was the current charging policy introduced?
   
   Answer: The current charging policy was introduced on 11th July 2016.

4. Was there an equality impact assessment prior to introducing the current charging policy?

   Answer: There was an equality impact assessment prior to introducing the current charging policy.

5. What risk issues were identified by the equality impact assessment?

   Answer: There were no risk issues identified by the equality impact assessment.
6. How have these risks been monitored since implementation of the charging policy?

Answer: Not Applicable

7. Is charging undertaken directly by the Local Authority or by a third party organisation on behalf of the council?

Answer: Charging is undertaken directly by Rutland County Council.

For the financial year 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018

8. How much money in total did the Local Authority receive from charging for non-residential care services?

Answer: Rutland County Council received £293,038 from charging for non-residential care services

9. How many people received non-residential social care services?

Answer: 466 people received non-residential social care services.

10. How many people were charged for care and support?

Answer: 224 people were charged for non-residential care and support services.

11. How much did the Local Authority spend on administration of the charging system?

Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

12. How many formal complaints did the Local Authority receive relating to charging?

Answer: Rutland County Council received no formal complaints relating to charging.

13. How much money was written off as uncollected contributions?

Answer: No money was written off as uncollected contributions.

14. How many people ceased receiving or failed to take up services following a financial assessment?

Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

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Yours faithfully

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