Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request:

We ask the council to provide the prices it pays to independent and voluntary sector homecare providers for the provision of regulated social care services delivered to people aged 65 years or above in their own home, during a seven day period which includes Monday, 23rd April 2018 (the “Reference Period”).

Figures requested in items ‘a’ to ‘c’, below, should be expressed in pounds and pence per hour, as follows:

a. The lowest rate per hour paid to any individual homecare provider during the Reference Period;
   
   Answer: The lowest rate per hour paid to any individual homecare provider during the Reference Period is £16.46.

b. The highest rate per hour paid to any individual homecare provider during the Reference Period;
   
   Answer: The highest rate per hour paid to any individual homecare provider during the Reference Period is £16.46.

c. The average (“arithmetic mean”) price per hour paid to all homecare providers for all hours of homecare services purchased during the Reference Period;
   
   Answer: The average (“arithmetic mean”) price per hour paid to all homecare providers for all hours of homecare services purchased during the Reference Period is £16.46.

d. The total hours of homecare purchased from all homecare providers during the Reference Period;
   
   Answer: The total hours of homecare purchased from all homecare providers during the Reference Period is 1136 hrs.
e. The council’s total spend on homecare services purchased from all homecare providers during the Reference Period;

Answer: Rutland County Council’s total spend on homecare services purchased from all homecare providers during the Reference Period is 1136 hrs x £16.46 = £18,698.

f. In relation to contracts held with independent and voluntary sector homecare providers:

i. Whether the council has imposed any requirement that providers pay their workers an hourly rate above the prevailing National Minimum Wage (including the National Living Wage);

Answer: Our contract requires providers to comply with the provisions of the National Minimum Wage Act 1998 (as amended) in relation to the payment of its staff.

ii. The maximum rate specified, if the answer to question f.i. (above) applies.

Answer: Contract does not specify a rate, only that providers must comply with the provisions of the Act.

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Yours faithfully

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