Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request / Response:

I am making this freedom of information request to ask about fee rates which are being paid to care homes within the local authority. I hope it will be possible to get answers to the following questions.

1. What is the average weekly fee (to the nearest £) currently (financial year 2018/19) being paid by your authority to support older (65+) residents of independent sector care homes in a) residential care and b) nursing care? Note: average weekly fees should be stated gross of user charges and net of NHS FNC payable by CCGs or the equivalent in devolved administrations*

   Answer: The average weekly fee is £534 for residential care and £582 for nursing care.

2. How many older (65+) residents are you currently** supporting in independent sector care homes for a) residential care and b) nursing care***?

   Answer: There are 89 people in residential care and 11 in nursing care.

3. How many residents are you currently** supporting in local authority operated residential care homes***?

   Answer: There are no local authority operated residential care homes.

* For example, a local authority supports an individual in nursing care at a fee rate of £858 per week including NHS FNC and the local authority receives client contributions of £190 per week. With NHS FNC in England at £158 per week (rounded down from the exact figure of £158.16), the weekly fee gross of user charges and net of NHS FNC is £700. The same principle should be followed for councils in devolved administrations, where the rate of NHS FNC or its equivalent varies.
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