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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1208/18

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request / Response:

In July 2013 the Department of Health announced a series of reforms to the system of providing adult social care in England. This was backed by a commitment by the Department of Health, Local Government Association and ADASS to work in partnership to ensure smooth delivery of these reforms. (Under the Conservative/Liberal Democrat coalition government.)

Specifically, the new system would include a new cap of £72,000 on eligible care costs for people at state pension age and over, and additional financial help for people with less than £118,000 in assets including their home. There would be annual 'care account' statements to project when someone will reach the cap or qualify for additional financial support.

The Department said this would come into effect in 2016. (However the policy was postponed until 2020 in 2015.)

For further background, the details are in this press release:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-fairer-capped-funding-system-to-help-everyone-plan-for-the-cost-of-care>

The following questions relate to any work conducted by or on behalf of the council in preparing for implementation, and the implementation itself, of these policies: the new cap of £72,000 on eligible care costs for people at state pension age and over, additional financial help for people with less than £118,000 in assets, and annual 'care account' statements.

1a. How many staff hours were assigned to *internal council staff* towards implementing these policies?

Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

We do not track the use of staff time at this granular level. As a result, this specific information is not held. More broadly, preparations for the capped costs system were in scope as part of a



much wider Care Act implementation programme, but this aspect of Care Act compliance was put on hold when implementation was postponed nationally in 2015. This means that, relative to other Care Act compliance activity, only very limited time has to date been dedicated to this policy.

1b. How many staff hours were contracted out to *external individuals/organisations* (e.g. consultants) towards implementing these policies?

Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information (please see response to Question 1a).

2. How much were the staffing costs in financial terms for:

a. Internal staff

Please break down the costs according to the following years:

Answer: 2013/14 - Rutland County Council does not hold this information.
2014/15 - Rutland County Council does not hold this information.
2015/16 - Rutland County Council does not hold this information.
2016/17 - Rutland County Council does not hold this information.
2017/18 - Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

b. External individuals/organisations

Please break down the costs according to the following years:

Answer: 2013/14 - Rutland County Council does not hold this information.
2014/15 - Rutland County Council does not hold this information.
2015/16 - Rutland County Council does not hold this information.
2016/17 - Rutland County Council does not hold this information.
2017/18 - Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

3. Were there any other costs? Please provide details (including dates of expenditure) if so.

Answer: There were no other costs.

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Yours faithfully

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