Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request:

The Care Act 2014 gave local authorities new responsibilities across a range of areas in adult social care, most of which came into effect in 2015/16. These included the provision of comprehensive information and advice about care and support, new rules on carers’ assessments and an emphasis on a variety of high-quality services to choose from in local areas.

Up to the present day, what have been the council’s costs regarding implementation of the Care Act?

Please provide information broken down annually, starting in 2013/14 to the present day. I appreciate there may be constraints within the context of the Freedom of Information Act but where possible state:

   a) The relevant project or strand of the Care Act (e.g. work on assessing and shaping the local care market) and

   b) Type of expenditure (e.g. event to engage with local providers).

Note: this should include costs for policies which may have later been postponed or cancelled e.g. cap on lifetime care costs.

Response:

Staff were specifically employed to support the implementation of the Care Act in 2014. Posts included a Head of Service Care Implementation Bill, Implementation Lead and a couple of temporary social workers throughout 2014-15.

Costs for this are as follows:

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<td>Salaries</td>
<td>£122,534</td>
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<td>Computing / Technology Costs</td>
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<td>2014-15 Total</td>
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This cost centre continued to be used until November 2015, when the implementation was considered complete.

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<td>2015-16 Total</td>
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From then on any further costs will have been absorbed by Adult Social Care cost centres and would be very hard to identify for items such as particular events, providers etc.

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