FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 408/19

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request & Response:

1. Please state the number of service users with each of the following conditions for whom the amount of time allocated in their care package was reduced in the financial year 2018/19. Please include in your answer both those who are part- and fully-local authority funded. Please also provide the same information for each of the previous four financial years.

   - Any neurological condition (please state how you define this)
   - Any progressive/degenerative condition (please state how you define this)
   - Multiple Sclerosis
   - Alzheimer’s disease
   - Huntington’s disease
   - Motor Neurone disease
   - Rheumatoid Arthritis

NB: I understand that this question may not be relevant to those service users in receipt of direct payments where the local authority does not dictate the number of hours of care purchased.

Answer:
Information about these specific health conditions is not recorded on our systems and therefore we are not able to supply an answer to this question.

2. Please state the number of service users with each of the following conditions who stopped receiving a local-authority funded care package in the financial year 2018/19. Please include in your answer both those individuals who were part- and fully-local authority funded. Please also provide the same information for each of the previous four financial years.

   - Any neurological condition
   - Any progressive/degenerative condition
   - Multiple Sclerosis
   - Alzheimer’s disease
   - Huntington’s disease
   - Motor Neurone disease
   - Rheumatoid Arthritis
3. Please state the number of service users with each of the following conditions whose personal budget was reduced (i.e. the amount of local-authority funding allocated to meet their needs) in the financial year 2018/19. Please include in your answer both those individuals who are part- and fully-local authority funded. Please also provide the same information for each of the previous four financial years.

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Inclusion of PIP in financial assessments:

4. Do you include the daily living component of PIP (in financial assessments for social care) in the financial year 2018/19?

Answer:
Yes, the daily living component of PIP is taken into account in accordance with statutory guidance issued by Department of Health

5. If yes, in what financial year did you start including the daily living component of PIP?

Answer:
The daily living component of PIP has been taken into account since PIP was introduced in 2013.

6. Please detail:

a. whether or not you include the full rate of the daily living component of PIP;

Answer:
The full rate of the daily living component of PIP is included in most cases, however discretion may be used to disregard the higher rate element if the customer has night time needs and the council has not commissioned this service

b. in what circumstances you do so;

Answer:
All, excepting those outlined above at 6a

c. the amount in pounds or the proportion included;
The actual amount of the daily living component of PIP being paid
d. and any changes to your policy regarding PIP for each of the previous five financial years.

No changed have been made to the Councils charging policy relating to PIP

Disability Related Expenditure disregard:

7. Do you have a set rate for Disability Related Expenditure disregarded (from financial assessments for social care) for the financial year 2017/2018, and if so what is that rate?

The Council doesn’t apply set rates for Disability Related Expenditure.

8. If yes, in what financial year did you introduce a set rate for Disability Related Expenditure disregarded (from financial assessments for social care charges)? Please state what the set rate was for each of the four previous financial years.

N/A

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