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Request:

Hello,

I would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding deferred payment agreement schemes within your local authority.

Below there are three questions we would be interested in finding out the relevant information for:

1.

In 2018, how many people contacted you for information on how to pay for care?

2.

In 2018, how many peoples long term care did you - as the local council - pay for either in:

- In full
- Partially
- Self-funding

3.

If someone has assets over a certain amount, they need to pay for their own care. If you are already paying in full or partially for a person's care and their financial circumstances change which means that they are now liable for these costs, how do you monitor this? Please confirm all that apply.

- We expect the person (or their family) receiving care to notify us
- We expect the care home to notify us
- We conduct regular reviews of peoples funding eligibility
- If we start paying for care for a person, we will do this for the remainder of their lives
- Other - _____

If you have any queries or would like clarification on any of the questions, please get in contact.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 08/08/2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to deferred payment agreement schemes.

Please note that in Northern Ireland district councils are not responsible for the provision of social care. Please contact the Northern Health and Social Care Trust who should be able to help you with your request.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/185/1920 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.