

FOI Reference Number: FOI/335/1819

Date: 16/10/2018

Request:

To whom it may concern,

Freedom of Information Act Request:

I am writing on the 15th of October 2018 to request information regarding costs paid to care providers and landlords providing Adult Social Care services to individuals with learning disabilities/mental health difficulties.

Care Providers - supported living

- 1) How many care providers of Supported Living for adults with learning disabilities/mental health does the council have contracts with? If possible, please list these providers.
- 2) What is the highest hourly rate paid to providers for adult learning disabilities/mental health Supported Living Services?
- 3) What is the lowest hourly rate paid to providers for adult learning disabilities/mental health Supported Living Services?
- 4) If a list of providers is available, please state the average hourly pay to each provider.

Accommodation classed as supported living:

- 1) A list of supported living accommodation providers (social landlords, voluntary providers, housing associations .etc) that the council has contracts with, or has individuals in placement with, that have a learning disability or mental health difficulty.
- 2) The highest rent the council pays to landlords for individual rents for tenants with a learning disability/mental health difficulty.
- 3) The lowest rent the council pays to landlords for individual rents learning disability/mental health difficulty.
- 4) If possible, please state the average rent (if not available - gross rent or other rent paid) to individual landlords for tenants with learning disability/mental health difficulty.

5) If known, please state whether the above rents are core rent or inclusive of service charges (gross rent).

For your reference, the definition of 'exempt accommodation' includes: accommodation provided by a county council, housing association, registered charity or organisation where care, support or supervision is provided to the tenant/claimant. In this case, the FOI is particularly interested in 'supported living' services and accommodation which provides a care element, regardless of whether the care is provided by an external provider or someone associated with the landlord.

Thank you for your time.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 15/10/2018.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to costs paid to care providers and landlords providing Adult Social Care services to individuals with learning disabilities/mental health difficulties.

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/335/1819 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.