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Request:

Dear Sir/Madam

Please provide the following information related to housing benefit amounts paid to people in receipt of care in supported living settings. By supporting living, we mean those who live in a property with their own tenancy, but receiving care and support commissioned by the local authority:

- 1) The lowest weekly housing benefit amount you paid to an individual as part of a supported living arrangement for the financial year 2018/19 for:
 - a) Learning Disability
 - b) Mental Health

- 2) The mean weekly housing benefit amount you paid to an individual as part of a supported living arrangement for the financial year 2018/19 for:
 - a) Learning Disability
 - b) Mental Health

- 3) The highest weekly housing benefit amount you paid to an individual as part of a supported living arrangement for the financial year 2018/19 for:
 - a) Learning Disability
 - b) Mental Health

- 4) Please explain how housing benefit amounts are calculated for those in receipt of care in supported living settings.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 04/01/2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to housing benefit.

Please note that in Northern Ireland district councils are not responsible for the provision of housing benefit. Please contact the Northern Ireland Housing Executive 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/429/1819 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.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>.

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