

10 July 2019  
Our ref: 5405828

Thank you for your request received on 19 June 2019, for the following information:

- 1. Have you increased the care home budget in the last 12 months?**
- 2. Have you introduced a social care precept to fund care homes?**
- 3. By how much has it increased / decreased?**
- 4. How many care homes have been closed in your borough over the last 12 months?**
- 5. Have the average fees in the care homes in your borough...**
  - o Increased**
  - o Decreased**
  - o Remained the same**

**We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

### ***1. Have you increased the care home budget in the last 12 months?***

Barnet council Cost of Care process allows providers to request uplifts annually effective at the start of each financial year. This process is only for existing care packages and in relation to the cost of living increases e.g. inflation. All new care packages are brokered, taking into consideration the individual's needs and negotiated with the provider at the point of placement. The Council's budget forecast captured these potential increases.

### ***2. Have you introduced a social care precept to fund care homes?***

### ***3. By how much has it increased / decreased?***

We have increased our **Minimum Sustainable Price** for 2019/20 – see table below

Bed Category	MSP Uplift
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Residential	2%
Residential EMI	2%
Nursing	3.5%
Nursing EMI	3.5%

Providers who requested an uplift by submitting a business case as per the Cost of Care 2019/20 process were also awarded increments based on their submissions.

**4. How many care homes have been closed in your borough over the last 12 months?**

3 care homes since January 2018

**5. Have the average fees in the care homes in your borough...**

- o Increased**
- o Decreased**
- o Remained the same**

Increased or remained same

**Further information**

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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