

2 August 2019
Our ref: 5437329

Thank you for your request received on 4 July 2019, for the following information:

In this FOIA Request:

- (a) When we refer to 'residential care home providers' this includes where the council itself operates the care home and where any company in which the council has an interest (either directly or indirectly) operates the care home;**
- (b) We only request information as it relates to beds funded 100% by the council and not where the cost of such a bed is funded wholly or partly by any NHS body;**
- (c) We request information related to all adult social care funded 100% by the council; and**
- (d) When we refer to 'Yr1, Yr2 and Yr3' we are referring to the council's financial years (1) 2016/17, (2) 2017/18, and (3) 2018/19.**

1. What is the standard rate per bed payable to residential care home providers that the council set in each of Yr1, Yr2, Yr3? Please provide the standard rates for all different bands/categories of services that the council set including a description of the band/category of service e.g. standard residential, residential special needs etc.

2. For each of Yr1, Yr2 and Yr3, please provide the average price per bed that the council paid to residential care home providers in each of the bands/categories of services that the council has included in its response to Question 1.

3. For each of Yr1, Yr2 and Yr3, please provide the total number of beds purchased by the council from residential care home providers split into the bands/ categories of services that the council has specified in its answer to Question 1.

4. For each of Yr1, Yr2 and Yr3, please provide the proportion (expressed as a percentage) and/ or number of beds purchased from residential care home providers in each of the bands/ categories of services that the council has specified in its answer to Question 1 that were purchased::

- a. at the council's standard rate specified in its response to Question 1;**
- b. below the council's standard rate specified in its response to Question 1;**
- and**
- c. above the council's standard rate specified in its response to Question 1.**

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

Response

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested.

However, we consider that the following exemptions apply to some of the information requested. The remaining information is not withheld and is below.

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The London of Barnet has a Minimum Sustainable Price (MSP) for older people's residential and nursing care within the borough. The Minimum Sustainable Price is the price, based on market intelligence, that allows providers in Barnet to provide a quality and sustainable care. This is the minimum amount paid for all placements commissioned by the London Borough of Barnet.

- 1. For each of Yr1, Yr2 and Yr3, please provide the average price per bed that the council paid to residential care home providers in each of the bands/categories of services that the council has included in its response to Question 1.***

The below table includes the rates for 2018/19 and 2019/20;

Bed Category	Uplift	2018/19 MSP rate (£)	2019/20 MSP rate (£)
Residential	2%	536	546.72
Residential EMI	2%	576	587.52
Nursing	3.5%	700*	731.90*
Nursing EMI	3.5%	755*	788.83*

*The nursing rates are inclusive of Funded Nursing Care (FNC).

The current FNC rate for 2018/19 was £158.16 and for 2019/20 it is £165.56

- 1. For each of Yr1, Yr2 and Yr3, please provide the total number of beds purchased by the council from residential care home providers split into the bands/ categories of services that the council has specified in its answer to Question 1.***

We have applied Section 21 to your request for information covered under questions 1 – 4.

We consider that the absolute exemption set out in Section 21 (Information accessible by other means) applies to the information requested because the information requested is already reasonably accessible elsewhere and can be found at the website link below.

This link covers the years 2013-14 to 2015-16 with 2016-17 & 17/18 data being released shortly.

<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/service-users-in-receipt-of-adult-social-care/resource>

&

<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset?q=Expe>

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We are applying an absolute exemption, Section 12 to Q4 of your request due to the time required to provide the data exceeding appropriate limit of 18 hours to extract and collate.

Collation > 18 hours or £450. Circa 3,600 files @ 2 mins per record= 120 hours = £3000+

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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If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.