

11 September 2019

Our ref: 5546580

Thank you for your request received on 13 August 2019, for the following information:

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 - \_\_\_\_\_

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

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***From 1st April 2018 ' 31st March 2019 — 12 Applications***

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- In full
- Partially
- Self-funding

**We are applying a total exemption under Section 21 of the data protection act to this question, the requested data is easily available and regularly published on NHS-Digital.nhs.uk**

***Information about the first half 2018/19 is submitted to Adult Social Care National Data Collections, Please go to their website for these any other information of similar nature. A link is below:***

<https://digital.nhs.uk/search/document-type/publication/publicationStatus/true/category/social-care>

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- We expect the person (or their family) receiving care to notify us - **YES**
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- We conduct regular reviews of peoples funding eligibility - **YES**
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- Other - ***Occasionally we receive information from third parties such as HMRC, DWP, neighbours, friends, etc.***

### **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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.