

11 October 2019  
Our ref: 5625900

Thank you for your request received on 16 September 2019, for the following information:

**The council will have due regard for use of resources when support planning to create more cost effective support plans**

**- This will mean considering the full range of care options to meet eligible needs (e.g. residential care), rather than offering community-based placements (e.g. supported living) by default. The saving level is based on the assumption that new clients are placed in cheaper accommodation settings where appropriate, and is calculated by assuming 50% of the current differential between high cost community placements and the maximum usual price for a residential placement is saved.**

**Engagement with individuals will take place as part of the council's assessment and support planning process, which will identify eligible needs and support options that meet those needs. There may be cases where a community placement that is more expensive than residential provision is offered, as this is necessary to meet the specific needs of an individual.**

**Could you please provide the following information;**

- 1. How many people previously offered a community placement will need to be offered a residential placement in order to achieve the saving of £425K**
- 2. The information that was used to project that it is this number of people for whom support in the community was a result if it being offered by default and where residential care would have been more cost effective than the support that was offered.**

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. How many people previously offered a community placement will need to be offered a residential placement in order to achieve the saving of £425K***

It is not assumed that people with a high cost community placement will instead be offered a residential placement. The Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) line is based on an assumption that, of new individuals being assessed in 2019/20 and being supported to plan for how best to meet their needs, around 38 would have needed to choose to move into a residential or nursing setting as opposed to remaining at home with a more expensive package of care; based on the 2017/18 data used in modelling the MTFS. Decisions on care packages will continue to be made on a case by case basis, within the legal framework, as outlined in detail in the report presented at the adults and safeguarding committee in September 2019. The saving is therefore an indicative saving. Its deliverability is dependent on a number of factors and the exact numbers of people needed to achieve the saving would vary based on a number of different factors.

***2. The information that was used to project that it is this number of people for whom support in the community was a result if it being offered by default and where residential care would have been more cost effective than the support that was offered.***

The calculations were based on 2017/18 data as this was the most recent full-year data at the time of writing the business planning report last year. Analysis was done to identify community placements that cost more than the average residential / nursing placement by client group. The total cost differential was £848k so 50% of this was the saving amount.

## **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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