

2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale, NW9 4EW
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Our ref: 6923448

Thank you for your request received on 12 January 2021, for the following information:

1. What is the average weekly fee (to the nearest £) currently (financial year 2020/21) being paid by your authority to support older (65+) residents of independent sector care homes in a) residential care and b) nursing care?

Note: average weekly fees should be stated gross of user charges and net of NHS FNC payable by CCGs or the equivalent in devolved administrations*

2. How many older (65+) residents are you currently supporting in independent sector care homes for a) residential care and b) nursing care***?**

3. How many older (65+) residents are you currently supporting in local authority operated residential care homes***?**

4. What do you expect to be the average percentage uplift for 2021/22 in the average weekly fee rates your authority pays to independent sector care homes for care of older (65+) residents.

Notes:

*** For example, a local authority supports an individual in nursing care at a fee rate of £878 per week including NHS FNC and the local authority receives client contributions of £200 per week. With NHS FNC in England at £166 per week (rounded up from the exact figure of £165.56), the weekly fee gross of user charges and net of NHS FNC is £712. The same principle should be followed for councils in devolved administrations, where the rate of NHS FNC or its equivalent varies.**

****Latest available figure**

*****Include full cost payers, if any**

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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***independent sector care homes in a) residential care and b) nursing care?
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Residential Care £820

Nursing Care £850

This has been sourced from a Finance Insight report (service group and age summary) dated 1 st February 2020 and includes all clients over 65 (all Primary Support reasons)

2. How many older (65+) residents are you currently** supporting in independent sector care homes for

***a) residential care and
b) nursing care***?***

a) 407
b) 235

3. How many older (65+) residents are you currently** supporting in local authority operated residential care homes?***

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4. What do you expect to be the average percentage uplift for 2021/22 in the average weekly fee rates your authority pays to independent sector care homes for care of older (65+) residents.

Refusal Notice

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. Data is published regularly on NHS Digital, relating to expenditure.

Please use the following links to access this data: <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-collections/social-care-collections>

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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