

27 May 2021  
Our ref: 7355720

Thank you for your request received on 27 May 2021, for the following information:

**These questions all relate to persons under age 65 living a residential care home paid for all or in part by your council's social care budget**

**1) How many people in your Local Authority under 65 live in a residential care home?**

**2) How much disposable income/PEA do care home residents have available each week for their needs?**

**3) Calculation of income**

**a) How does your residential charging policy calculate income?**

**b) What is included in your income calculation?**

**c) What is excluded from your income?**

**d) Which (if any) parts of the income calculation are discretionary?**

**e) Which parts of the income calculation are mandatory?**

**f) Do you use the same calculation model for care home residents above the age of 65 versus those below that age?**

**g) If the model differs, what are those differences?**

**4) Discretionary Increases**

**a) Does the Local Authority exercise its discretion to allow individuals under 65 years in residential care homes more than this minimum amount?**

**b) If yes, what is the weekly amount available to them and (as in 3 above) how is it calculated?**

**5) Is there any difference in the amount people are left with each week if the Local Authority is acting as an Appointee?**

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 in your Local Authority under 65 live in a residential care home?***

252

### ***2) How much disposable income/PEA do care home residents have available each week for their needs?***

Kindly note that PEA is set by Department of Health and Social Care. Please refer to: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

[The Care and Support \(Charging and Assessment of Resources\) Regulations 2014 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](http://legislation.gov.uk)

[Social care – charging for care and support: local authority circular LAC\(DHSC\)\(2021\)1 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

### ***3) Calculation of income***

LB of Barnet's charging policy is in line with the Care Act and The Care and Support Statutory Guidance issued by Department of Health and Social Care.

Please refer to [The Care and Support \(Charging and Assessment of Resources\) Regulations 2014 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](http://legislation.gov.uk)

#### ***a) How does your residential charging policy calculate income?***

As per guidance.

#### ***b) What is included in your income calculation?***

As per guidance from DWP and [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

#### ***c) What is excluded from your income?***

As per guidance.

#### ***d) Which (if any) parts of the income calculation are discretionary?***

As per guidance.

#### ***e) Which parts of the income calculation are mandatory?***

As per guidance.

***f) Do you use the same calculation model for care home residents above the age of 65 versus those below that age?***

As per guidance.

***g) If the model differs, what are those differences?***

As per guidance.

#### **4) Discretionary Increases**

***a) Does the Local Authority exercise its discretion to allow individuals under 65 years in residential care homes more than this minimum amount?***

Each Request is considered and where appropriate PEA may be increased.

***b) If yes, what is the weekly amount available to them and (as in 3 above) how is it calculated?***

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***5) Is there any difference in the amount people are left with each week if the Local Authority is acting as an Appointee?***

As per guidance.

#### **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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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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