**WBCIR:14121**

Deaths of domiciliary care service users.   
  
Please could you provide:  
  
1.  
a) The number of total deaths notified to the council amongst home care (domiciliary care) service users, by the day or month of notification (whichever is easier), between 01 April 2017 and 28 February 2021.  
b) For the total number of deaths referenced in Question 1a, could you provide an age breakdown under the following categories: Under 18, 18-64, 65+.

We are unable to gather from our system when service user deaths are notified to the council.

2.

a) The number of deaths notified to the council, involving Covid-19 amongst home care (domiciliary care) service users, by the day or month of notification (whichever is easier) since records began in 2020 until 28 February 2021.

The Task Force took over responsibility for domiciliary care agencies in November 2020. A number of domiciliary care agencies work across the different LA borders with some agencies unable to split their covid data between the various LA’s they operate in. Therefore, where we have numbers of deaths some of these may not relate to the WBC area &/or customers. More consistent reporting to the Task Force for domiciliary care agencies started in December 2020 onwards, the number of agencies identified to the Task Force has steadily increased from December 2020. The figures below should therefore be considered with all these caveats

* Dec 2020 – 23 deaths at dom care agencies reported up to 31st December 2020, some of these were from periods earlier in the year with the details collated in the first calls from the Task Force
* Jan 2021 – 15 deaths reported, (same caveats as above)
* Feb 2021 – 8 deaths reported, (same caveats as above)

b) For the total number of deaths referenced in Question 2a, could you state how many people died as a result of confirmed Covid-19, suspected Covid-19, and did not die of Covid-19.

Cause of death is not always known by agencies therefore this information is not a readily available.

3. The total number of people using local authority purchased domiciliary care services, for the tax years - 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 to date.

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| Financial Year (2021 is up to 29/09/21) | Number of People |
| 2017 | 607 |
| 2018 | 591 |
| 2019 | 614 |
| 2020 | 713 |
| 2021 | 580 |

4. The total number of local authority-purchased hours for domiciliary care services, for the tax years - 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 to date.

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| Financial Year (2021 is up to 29/09/21) | Number of hours |
| 2017 | 234,530.50 |
| 2018 | 231,549.25 |
| 2019 | 227,505.75 |
| 2020 | 252,620.68 |
| 2021 | 140,734.75 |

5. A list of your current home care (domiciliary care) providers.

WBC currently contract with the following home care (domiciliary care) providers**.**

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| 1 Day at a time |
| A & T Caring Services |
| Aaron Abbey |
| Absolute Care |
| Angel Souls Ltd |
| Apex |
| Bridges Home Care |
| Care 1st |
| Care at Home Newbury |
| Careline |
| Caremark (Wokingham) |
| Carewell Ltd |
| County Carers |
| EMI-Care UK |
| Everycare |
| Gabriel's Angels |
| Home Angels |
| Homecare 1st |
| Kay Healthcare |
| Limms |
| Loving Angels |
| Mak Care |
| Multi-Care Community Services |
| Novus Care Limited |
| Promedica |
| Radis Community Care |
| Rainbow |
| Request Care and Nursing |
| Royle Care |
| Spectrum Group |
| Superb Healthcare |
| SylvianCare Ltd |
| Thamescare |
| Total Health Support and Training Services |