**WBCIR:14776**

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding spending and contracts for older person’s social services (aged 65 and over).

1. Does the Local Authority operate a usual cost of care for older person’s social services? By usual cost of care, we mean set weekly fee rates that the Local Authority pays to care providers for older people’s residential, residential EMI, nursing, and nursing EMI care.

No, we do not operate a standard or fixed fee rate but work closely with care homes, and place following an assessment of needs at market rates, determined at time of placement.  All rates would be exclusive of FNC.

2. If the answer to question 1 is ‘yes’, does the Local Authority have a banding system for fee rates? By ‘banding system’ we mean different levels of fees according to a council’s own criteria i.e. quality grades.

Not applicable

3. If the answer to question 2 is ‘no’, please provide the Local Authority’s own set weekly fee rates for 2021/22 for:
a) Older person’s residential
b) Older person’s residential EMI
c) Older person’s nursing
d) Older person’s nursing EMI

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4. If the answer to question 2 is ‘yes’, please provide the Local Authority’s own weekly set fees associated with each band/grade for 2021/22 for:
a) Older person’s residential
b) Older person’s residential EMI
c) Older person’s nursing
d) Older person’s nursing EMI

Not applicable

5. Please provide the highest, lowest, average (mean) and median actual weekly fees paid to older person’s care providers in 2021/22
a) Older person’s residential See below
b) Older person’s residential EMI We don’t distinguish in a reportable format
c) Older person’s nursing See below
d) Older person’s nursing EMI We don’t distinguish in a reportable format

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| TYPE | HIGHEST | LOWEST | AVERAGE | MEDIAN |
| a) Older person's residential | £ 2,856.00 | £ 232.25 | £ 965.07 | £ 868.70 |
| c) Older person's nursing | £ 3,360.00 | £ 378.14 | £ 1,050.19 | £ 950.00 |

For clarification, EMI stands for Elderly Mentally Infirm
If figures for 2021/22 are not available please provide budgeted or predicted figures