



## Information Governance

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**  
**Request ID: FOI318531605**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Client Finance/Appointeeship and social care charges.

Your request and our responses are shown below:

**1. How many individuals is the local authority acting as an appointee for, please?**

None. To assist, the Council does not have an appointeeship team. Clients who require an appointee are referred to Age UK who take this on independently.

**2. How many of these individuals (in area or out of area) pays adult social care charges to the council for non-residential services? N/A.**

**3. Which department is responsible for administering appointeeship?N/A.**

**4. Which department is responsible for assessing social care charges?**

Financial Assessments Team in Adult Social Care.

**5. How many officers in either department carry out an overlapping role with regard to appointeeship and care charges? None.**

**6. How many times has the appointeeship team responded to a consultation on behalf of individuals or any group of benefits claimants regarding a change in the council's charging**

policy, since 2015? N/A.

**7. How many appeals about care charges has the appointeeship team submitted to the financial assessment team since 2015? N/A.**

**8. How many complaints has the appointeeship team submitted regarding care charges since 2015? N/A.**

**9. How many times has the appointeeship team sought or referred individuals they act for, to independent advice (whether third sector, legal aid or privately funded) about care charges, since 2015? N/A.**

**10. How many times has the appointeeship team questioned the accuracy, fairness or legal validity of individuals' care charges or the council's charging policy, since 2015? N/A.**

**11. Does the council treat appointeeship as a Care Act service? If so, does it charge for that as part of the Care Act charging system? N/A.**

**12. How much does it charge, if it makes a charge, per month or per week or per year, please? N/A.**

**13. If appointeeship is not provided for through the Care Act, does the council allow for a DRE deduction from Disability Benefits income, for the charge it makes for appointeeship (assuming a person is otherwise chargeable)?**

It is considered as a DRE where requested.

**14. If the council does not operate appointeeships for adult social care clients, does the council permit a full DRE deduction from Disability Benefits income, for any charge levied by any other corporate or private appointee (assuming a person is otherwise chargeable)?**

It is considered as a DRE where requested.

**15. In respect of all council clients who are currently in receipt of adult social care services, regarded as liable to pay a charge for their adult social care services, for whom the appointee role is currently undertaken - how is the relevant department holding the appointeeship responsibility proposing to manage the conflict of interest presented by the judgment in the Norfolk CC v SH case in December 2020, given that the decision means that other similar policies are presumptively unlawful? Please answer with a sentence or a paragraph; it is suggested that it is not a proper response to say that no decisions have been made, as yet, because the problem already exists.**

N/A.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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