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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI512135237

Thank you for your request for information relating to fees for children's LD placements. We apologise for the delay.

You have requested the following information:

Please provide the current £ average weekly fee (also for the last 3 financial years if possible) for residential placements for children with learning disabilities split by acuity and primary care need if possible as defined by the following:

Acuity definitions

- Low acuity - Children requiring general care or less complex care receiving residential care without any need for significant complex care
- Mid acuity - Children classified as requiring more personal care and some 1-1 or 2-1 care
- High acuity - Children with highest level of complexity and those with most acute needs who constantly require 1-1 care or 2-1 care or even multiple care staff to 1 care

Definitions for level of care

- regular care - children who receive standard residential care and do not have significant personal needs
- 1-1 care - children who require some 1-1 care in certain situations
- 2-1 care - children who are more complex and required more constant care from 2 staff
- multiple to 1 care - children with severe needs who needs multiple staff members to assist them in their care needs

We hold the information which you have asked for, but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

We have estimated it will exceed 18 hours because the information is not held in a reportable format. The requested information is held in the individual children's file and therefore a manual trawl of all records would be required to break down the information by acuity/ level of care. Your request has therefore been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

However, in order to fulfil our obligations under Section 16 of the FOI Act to advise and assist you, we advise that we can provide the average weekly costs. See below:

2020/21: £4,749

2021/22: £5,473

2022/23: £5,945

2023/24: £7,356

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

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

Yours faithfully

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