



I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding domiciliary care services commissioned for the upcoming financial year (from April 1st, 2025, onwards).

Requested Information:

1. Commissioned Domiciliary Care Rates:
 - The standard hourly rate paid to providers for commissioned domiciliary care services (home care) from April 1st, 2025. £22.96
 - Any variations in rates based on complexity of care (e.g., standard vs. specialist care). None
2. Non-Commissioned / Private Market Data:
 - If available, what is the estimated average hourly rate for non-commissioned domiciliary care within your local authority area? The average rate for spot purchased domiciliary care is £23.65
 - Any relevant data on how private market rates compare to commissioned care rates. The Council does not hold data on private market domiciliary care rates.
3. Inclusion of Travel Costs:
 - Does your council pay separately for travel time and mileage for commissioned domiciliary care, or is this built into the hourly rate? Travel time and mileage are built into the hourly rate.
4. Total Budget and Hours Commissioned:
 - The total annual budget allocated to domiciliary care services in your council for 2025/26. £20.378m
 - The approximate number of domiciliary care hours commissioned per year. 970,000