



I would like to request the following information regarding adult learning disability services. Where possible, please kindly include responses on the attached Excel spreadsheet.

1. Please could you supply the name, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for learning disabilities placements?

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For questions 2 to 6, please supply this information as a snapshot at the end of the year for the financial years 2024/25 and the most up to date snapshot available for 2025/26.

2. Please provide the total number of adults with learning disabilities funded by the Local Authority in residential care.
3. Of the total number of adults with learning disabilities funded by the Local Authority in residential care (q.2) please provide the number that are in 'in area' placements and the number that are in 'out of area' placements.
4. Please provide the total number of adults with learning disabilities funded by the Local Authority in supported living.
5. Please provide the number of adults with learning disabilities who transitioned from children's learning disabilities services into adult's services - into adult residential care services only, into adult supported living services only, and in total.

[Please see attached Excel document](#)

6. Please provide the number of adults with learning disabilities who 'stepped down' from specialist inpatient hospital placements into adult residential care and supported living services.

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3244) set out the rules in relation to the cost limit (otherwise called the "appropriate limit"). These Regulations are published by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) and are viewable on their web site from this link: http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2004/uksi_20043244_en.pdf

The Regulations set out the cost limit for Government departments and for other public authorities. For local government, Regulation 3 states that the cost limit is £450 and Regulation 4(4) states that the prescribed hourly rate is £25. Regulation 4(4) further provides that where the local authority estimates the time taken to gather the information would exceed this limit (which based on the prescribed hourly rate, equates to 18 officer hours), it may refuse the request under section 12 of FoIA.

I am satisfied the cost limit applies to your request and will explain why this is the case

This data requested in question 6 is not recorded in a reportable way and case notes would have to be manually checked, this has been done for Residential which took on average 3.2 minutes per record, if this was to be done for Supported living (378) this would take us over the allowed time.

7. Please provide the local authority's total expenditure on residential care and supported living for adults with learning disabilities for the financial year 2024/25, and budgeted expenditure for 2025/26.
8. Please provide the highest, lowest, and average weekly rate paid by the Local Authority for residential care placements for adults with a learning disability for each of the financial years 2024/25 and 2025/26. If the Local Authority has weekly rate bands, please also provide these.
9. Please provide the number of adults with learning disabilities funded by the Local Authority in residential care with fees per week of:
 - a. Less than £1,500
 - b. £1,500 to £2,999
 - c. £3,000 to £4,999
 - d. £5,000 or more

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