



Please may I request the following information for your local authority?

1. Number of Care Act 2014 needs assessments undertaken for adults with a learning disability in the previous 12 months.

467 SSA, 93 UA Total 560

2. Number of those in (1) who live in a family home.

118 SSA, 4 UA Total 122

3. Of the assessments for the people in (2), how many included a formal plan around emergency care planning including how the person will get help if their unpaid carer is unable to support them (e.g., due to illness).

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.

The information requested at Q3 (and Q5) is not recorded in a reportable manner. To provide a response would entail a manual interrogation of each care plan which would take in excess of the 18 hour officer time stipulated in the FOI Act.

However, contingency planning forms part of all support planning.

4. Number of Care Act 2014 Carers Assessments carried out by the local authority in the same 12-month periods.

525

5. Of those in (4), how many included emergency care planning for what will happen if the carer is unable to provide care (e.g., due to illness).

Please see response at Q3