

East Lothian Council

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I would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding deferred payment agreement schemes within your local authority.

Below there are three questions we would be interested in finding out the relevant information for:

- *How many deferred payment agreements do you currently (as at 25 June 2018) have in place?*

70 approximately

- *In 2017, how many people contacted you for information on how to pay for care?*

East Lothian Council (ELC) does not record this information. In view of this, under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to comply with your request as the information you require is not held.

- *In 2017, how many peoples long term care did you - as the local council - pay for:*
 - *In full*
 - *Partially*

There is very clear guidance on the Scottish Government website that explains that all long term care (residential/nursing home) will be financially assessed. Even if someone has capital over the threshold they are still entitled to Free Personal Residential or Nursing care rates. Therefore in Scotland we would always *partially* fund care costs based on a means tested financial assessment. We do not pay full costs as everyone will have an income.

For the financial year 2017/18, there were 928 individual clients in a residential/nursing home for at least part of the year. At any given time there are approximately 650 residents.