

East Lothian Council

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I am making this freedom of information request to ask about fee rates which are being paid to care homes within the local authority. I hope it will be possible to get answers to the following questions.

1. What is the average weekly fee (to the nearest £) currently (financial year 2018/19) being paid by your authority to support older (65+) residents of independent sector care homes in a) residential care and b) nursing care? Note: average weekly fees should be stated *gross of user charges and net of NHS FNC* payable by CCGs or the equivalent in devolved administrations*

a) £444

b) 437

2. How many older (65+) residents are you currently** supporting in independent sector care homes for a) residential care and b) nursing care***?

a) 105

b) 396

3. How many residents are you currently** supporting in local authority operated residential care homes***?

86

* For example, a local authority supports an individual in nursing care at a fee rate of £858 per week including NHS FNC and the local authority receives client contributions of £190 per week. With NHS FNC in England at £158 per week (rounded down from the exact figure of £158.16), the weekly fee *gross of user charges and net of NHS FNC* is £700. The same principle should be followed for councils in devolved administrations, where the rate of NHS FNC or its equivalent varies.

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***Include full cost payers, if any