

**Reference:** FOI 30444 BUCKS 14Y

**Subject:** Elderly Care Fees

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p><b>1. Please provide the highest, lowest, average (mean) and median actual weekly fees paid to older person’s care providers under a Continuing Healthcare (CHC) package in 2018/19 and 2019/20. If figures for 2019/20 are not available please provide budgeted or predicted figures.</b></p> <p><b>a. Older person’s residential</b>  <b>b. Older person’s residential EMI</b>  <b>c. Older person’s nursing</b>  <b>d. Older person’s nursing EMI</b></p>	<p>I regret to inform you that the CCG is unable to answer these questions as the resource that we calculate would be required to respond to your questions, would exceed the appropriate limit set out within the <a href="#">Section 12</a> of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) for complying with requests.</p> <p>Section 12(1) of the FOIA states that public authorities are not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of determining if it holds the relevant information, locating and retrieving the information and, where necessary, extracting the information from a document would exceed the appropriate limit (as specified in Section 12 of the Act). This is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to 18 hours work.</p> <p>I can confirm that the CCG holds some of the information requested; however older person’s care providers are not recorded on the CHC system and therefore not searchable. In order to source the information requested, we would need to search the 490 open packages as at the end of 2018/2019 and the current 527 for 2019/20, to check whether these were complex or not complex care packages would take approximately 10 minutes each, equating to approximately 170 hours.</p>
<p><b>2. Please provide the number of people aged 65 and over funded by the CCG under a Continuing Healthcare (CHC) package in an older person’s care home for 2016/17, through to 2019/20. If figures for 2019/20 are not available please provide budgeted or predicted figures.</b></p>	<p>Therefore in compliance with section 17 of the Act, this letter is to inform you that it will not be possible to respond fully to your request within the cost threshold set out by the <a href="#">Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004</a></p> <p>Please note: The highest and lowest rates for CHC funded placements could be provided but without indication if these are for older person’s care providers. The number of over 65s currently eligible for CHC could be provided with indication if these are specifically for older person’s care homes.</p>

*The information provided in this response is accurate as of 29 April 2019, and has been authorised for release by Robert Majilton, Deputy Chief Officer and Director of Sustainability & Transformation for NHS Buckinghamshire CCG.*