

Dear Nottinghamshire Council,

I write to make a freedom of information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

[Future Care Capital](#) (FCC) is a charity which uses evidence-based research to advance ideas that will help shape future health and social care policy and deliver better outcomes for individuals living in the UK. We have previously undertaken research to [explore the risks and opportunities different parts of the country face in planning and managing adult social care provision](#), and your answers to our questions below will help further this work.

In this FOIA Request:

- (a) When we refer to “residential care home providers” this includes where the council itself operates the care home and where any company in which the council has an interest (either directly or indirectly) operates the care home;
  - (b) We only request information as it relates to beds funded 100% by the council and not where the cost of such a bed is funded wholly or partly by any NHS body;
  - (c) We request information related to all adult social care funded 100% by the council; and
  - (d) When we refer to “Yr1, Yr2 and Yr3” we are referring to the council’s financial years (1) 2016/17, (2) 2017/18, and (3) 2018/19.
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1. What is the standard rate per bed payable to residential care home providers that the council set in each of Yr1, Yr2, Yr3? Please provide the standard rates for all different bands/categories of services that the council set including a description of the band/category of service e.g. standard residential, residential special needs etc.
  2. For each of Yr1, Yr2 and Yr3, please provide the average price per bed that the council paid to residential care home providers in each of the bands/categories of services that the council has included in its response to Question 1.
  3. For each of Yr1, Yr2 and Yr3, please provide the total number of beds purchased by the council from residential care home providers split into the bands/ categories of services that the council has specified in its answer to Question 1.
  4. For each of Yr1, Yr2 and Yr3, please provide the proportion (expressed as a percentage) and/ or number of beds purchased from residential care home providers in each of the bands/ categories of services that the council has specified in its answer to Question 1 that were purchased::
    - a. at the council’s standard rate specified in its response to Question 1;
    - b. below the council’s standard rate specified in its response to Question 1; and
    - c. above the council's standard rate specified in its response to Question 1.

I understand that under the Act I am entitled to a response and any relevant information within 20 working days from the next working day after my request has been received. However, should my request be denied in whole or in part, I would appreciate a rationale behind the refusal or part refusal with reference to the specific applicable exemptions contained in the Act. Relatedly, if any element of the above requires further clarification, please do let me know and I would be happy to amend or expand on the search parameters as appropriate. If the council does not hold the information requested above but another organisation or body does, I would be grateful if you could refer me to said organisation or body.

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Request. Please accept our apologies for the delay in getting the response to you.

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Care Home Banding	Fee 2018/19 Standard Residential Care	Fee 2018/19 Dementia Residential Care	Fee 2018/19 Standard Nursing Care	Fee 2018/19 Dementia Nursing Care
Band 1	£454	£467	£493	£504
Band 2	£504	£555	£565	£609
Band 3	£535	£584	£595	£640
Band 4	£548	£596	£607	£652
Band 5	£564	£614	£624	£668
Care Home Banding	Fee 2017/8 Standard Residential Care	Fee 2017/8 Dementia Residential Care	Fee 2017/18 Standard Nursing Care	Fee 2017/18 Dementia Nursing Care
Band 1	£441	£453	£479	£489
Band 2	£489	£539	£549	£591
Band 3	£519	£567	£578	£621
Band 4	£532	£579	£589	£633
Band 5	£548	£596	£606	£649
Care Home Banding	Fee 2016/17 Standard Residential Care	Fee 2016/17 Dementia Residential Care	Fee 2016/17 Standard Nursing Care	Fee 2016/17 Dementia Nursing Care
Band 1	£429	£441	£466	£476
Band 2	£476	£524	£534	£575
Band 3	£505	£552	£562	£604
Band 4	£517	£563	£573	£616
Band 5	£533	£580	£589	£631

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We do not routinely report placements (existing or new) by these bandings or have any existing reporting set up for this. So, we are unable to provide 3 or 4 in the short term.

I hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

In addition to this and for future reference Nottingham County Council regularly publishes previous FOIR,s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (see link)  
<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords.

If you wish to raise any concerns about the way your request was dealt with, then please write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail [foi@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:foi@nottsc.gov.uk) quoting the reference number above.

Kind Regards

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