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**Request for Information: Ref NCC-042819-19
Aftercare fees under section 117**

Thank you for your request for information relating to aftercare fees under section 117. I can now let you have the following information in response to the questions you raised.

Please can you tell me what the upper limit is for the amount the council and NHS will pay towards aftercare fees under section 117.

Provision of support under section 117 is needs based and so therefore there is no prescribed limit to the amount that councils and NHS will pay. However, funding for services has to conform to the requirements described in section 117 (6) of the Mental Health Act, namely:

- (a) meeting a need arising from or related to the person's mental disorder; and
- (b) reducing the risk of a deterioration of the person's mental condition (and, accordingly, reducing the risk of the person requiring admission to a hospital again for treatment for mental disorder).

Please can you also provide a list of care homes that are within this budget that you would supply to a patient and their family who are looking at aftercare options.

Given the answer to the above I am unable to provide a comprehensive list of homes to facilitate this request. To rectify this please find below the link to the Nottinghamshire adult social care directory that shows all the available residential and nursing homes that may meet the clients requirements.

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/2313509/careandsupportdirectory.pdf>

It must be noted that in line with the provision of aftercare services there will be an agreement between the NHS and social care as to how much contribution is made by each agency. Further assessment by either party may identify supports required that are not directly linked to mental health and so these will need to be funded separately.

Please can you tell me how many people have received aftercare under section 117 of the Mental Health Act over the past 10 years? Please provide a figure for each year.

The nature of section 117 aftercare is that it is granted when a person is placed on section 3 of the Mental Health Act and is unaffected by time or location that they reside, even if they have moved authorities. Exact data on this topic is therefore difficult to quantify and relates to anyone detained under section 3 MHA at any point since the law's inception in 1983. In order to remedy this please find below the list of people detained under section 3 of the MHA since 2012 who would have become eligible for aftercare. This should create a snapshot of the people eligible in

the county but does not cover those who received such support prior to 2012 or those which originally received this in another area.

Section 3 Information 2012 - 2019

2012	49
2013	207
2014	221
2015	230
2016	251
2017	272
2018	254
2019	308

We hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly using the contact details below. In addition and for future reference Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publish previous Freedom of Information Requests and answers on our website, [click here](#) to see the Disclosure logs.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the

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Yours sincerely

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