

Dear

I am writing to you in reply to your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) request to Nottinghamshire County Council. Firstly, I apologise for the delay in replying to you and hope that it has not caused any inconvenience. I have the following information.

*1. If so how much money was accounted for in the 2019/2020 financial year as being "losses and special payments"?*

The council's accounts are available on our website at:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/finance-and-budget/statement-of-accounts>

*2. Please detail the three largest single amounts within this total, giving a cost for each loss and a detailed description of the claim and the reason for the loss.*

In terms of the 3 biggest write offs in 2019/20 as requested:

£56,250.50 Unpaid care home fees – written off after legal advice in regard to a transfer of the service users' property prior to going into care. The charging was based on deprivation of assets, Legal Counsel advised against bringing a case against the Trust into which the property had been transferred.

£44,288.78 Unpaid care home fees – The service users 50% stake in the property, was sold for a lower value than it had originally been valued at in regard to the charging, as a result of dilapidation. A settlement figure was agreed against the outstanding debt from the amount which was left in the service users' estate, after property sale and funeral costs had been taken into account.

£34,691.10 Misuse of Direct Payments – Legal enforcement was sought against the debtor; however, it was unsuccessful due to the debtors' lack of assets, and finances.

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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 Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail [foi@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:foi@nottscc.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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