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Request for Information: Ref NCC-036573-18 Weekly Care Rates

Thank you for your request for information relating to care rates. I can now let you have the following information in response to the questions you raised.

- a) Full details of how Nottinghamshire County Council calculated the maximum weekly care price of £725; The Council uses the Care Funding Calculator (CFC) to ensure costs are benchmarked alongside nationally recognised standards.
- b) Evidence supporting how Nottinghamshire County Council has assured itself that the £725 maximum weekly care fee for residential care and support services is appropriate to provide the delivery of the care with the agreed quality of care (in accordance with the Care and Support Guidance issued under the Care Act 2014); Local market information enables the Council to track placement costs for similar types of placements (e.g. in this case a 62 year old with medium/low needs) and monitor whether successful placements are being made. The Council therefore is able to combine the national CFC information with local evidence to give a level of confidence in the local market being able to deliver appropriate service within this price envelope
- c) Evidence that the maximum weekly fee of £725 supports and promotes the well-being of the people whose care is commissioned by Nottinghamshire County Council (again, pursuant to Nottinghamshire's legislative duties under the Care Act 2014). Each call off is tailored to reflect individual service user need and therefore the Council will monitor the individual's outcomes through care management processes and reviewing activity. In addition, the care homes are monitored by the Council as well as through the CQC and these processes will look at the home's ability to ensure the health and wellbeing of residents

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, <u>click here</u> 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

Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP

or email: FOI@nottscc.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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