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Request for Information: Ref NCC-034957-18
Social care and personal health budgets in the local authority

Thank you for your request for information relating to social care and personal health budgets in the local authority. I can now let you have the following information in response to the questions you raised.

Social Care Financial Review

1. Has the council undertaken any financial reviews to identify erroneous payments with regards to social care funding allocation or payments in the last five financial-years (2012/13 – 2017/18)?
 - a. If so, please state who conducted this review?
 - b. What was the period covered in the review?
 - c. Description of the review which was conducted?
 - d. What was the value of the erroneous payments identified?
 - e. Of which, how much was recovered?
 - f. How much did the third-party charge for the review?

Nottinghamshire County Council undertake the National Fraud Initiative every 2 years. We have identified £35k of erroneous payments which have been recovered in full.

Personal Health Budgets

1. **Please provide the Councils spend and number of patients on social care personal health budgets (PHBs) for two financial years (16/17 and 17/18)**

	No. of PHB patients	PHB Spend (£)
2016/17	1058	£29.882m
2017/18	1218	£48.042m

2. **Does the council have any targets associated to the expansion of patients receiving a PHB?** No as all social care service users (including joint funded service users are on a personal budget)
 - a. **If so, please provide detail of the targets (please include if applicable, detail of the proportion increase or target number and the year set to achieve)**
3. **Does the council use any third-party system to process the PHB payments?**
No all social Care packages are managed through our care management system and paid through our financial system.
 - a. **If yes, please state the third-party system**
 - b. **Contract start date**
 - c. **Contract end date**

d. Annual cost to the council for this system in 17/18?

4. **Do patients receiving a PHB have to evidence their spending?** Where a service user has a Direct Payment they are subject to an audit and review of their spending, all other Service users packages are managed services, so the council pays the provider directly.
- a. **If yes, please provide detail on this process**

Social Care Spend and Patient Numbers

1. **Please provide the number of organisations which provide social care services to the council by setting type, and the associated cost to the council for these services for 16/17 and 17/18**

Setting/Provider Type	2016/17 – No. of organisations	2016/17 – Cost to the council	2017/18 – No. of organisations	2017/18– Cost to the council
Nursing Homes	243	£28,661,938	223	£31,266,468
Residential Care Homes	617	£84,686,033	606	£87,806,736
Domiciliary Care Providers	197	£67,793,903	240	£71,459,843
Supported Accommodation	37	£42,731,677	71	£43,288,162

2. **Please provide the number of patients receiving social care support for 16/17 and 17/18 split by the following types of care:**

Care Type	2016/17	2017/18
Physical support	9837	9839
Sensory support	781	769
Support withy memory and cognition	1870	1785
Learning Disability Support	2267	2313
Mental Health Support	1130	1132
Total	20,504	19,793

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, under Disclosure logs, available at the following link:

<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

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Yours sincerely

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