

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 23-447	12 September 2023
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Your request

You requested the following:

I would like to request the following information regarding supported living services for adults with a primary support need of learning disabilities (LD,) mental health (MH) and Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

Supported living may also be called Supported accommodation or Supported housing and is a housing scheme where housing, support and care services are provided to help people with disabilities live as independently as possible in the community.

Long term care is provided to clients on an ongoing basis and varies from high intensity provision such as nursing care, to lower intensity support in the community such as the provision of direct payments to arrange regular home care visits.

Please note, that by MH, we mean 'Mental Health Support' and not 'Support with Memory and Cognition' or 'Substance Misuse Support'.

Please provide answers on the attached and accompanying spreadsheet, and wherever possible, please provide separate out for each category of LD, MH, and ASD.

1. Please could you supply the name, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for placements in supported living.
2. Please provide the total number of adults (aged 18-64) with a primary support need of learning disabilities (LD), autism (ASD), or mental health (MH) needs funded by the ICB/Health Board and receiving long-term care in supported living settings. Please provide data for the financial year 2021/22, 2022/23 and where possible, projected figures for 2023/24.
 - a. How many are placed in area (i.e. within the ICB/Health Board boundary)?
 - b. How many are placed out of area (i.e. outside the ICB/Health Board boundary)?
3. Please provide the number of (a) New joiners and (b) Leavers of adults (aged 18-64) with a primary support need of LD, ASD or MH needs in long-term supported living settings. Please provide data for the financial year 2021/22, 2022/23 and where possible, projected figures for 2023/24.

(Please note, by new joiner we mean an individual who is new to adult social care during the year, or was previously not in a long-term supported living setting. By leaver we mean a person whose case is closed with adult social care, or whose supported living placement has ended and been replaced by a different service (e.g. a residential placement))

- a. New joiners
- b. Leavers

4. Please provide a list of providers of supported living services used by the ICB/Health Board to place adults (aged 18-64) with a primary support need of LD, ASD or MH receiving long-term care. To clarify, this does not include sole providers of accommodation, such as Housing Associations; only registered care providers, and is only those providers registered as a care agency with the inspectorate. Please provide data for the latest month (if available); if not, the last financial year 2022/23

- a. Please provide, for each provider, the number of adults aged 18-64 with LD, ASD and MH funded by the ICB/Health Board in long-term supported living placements.
- b. Please provide total expenditure with each provider related to long-term placements in supported living for adults aged 18-64 with LD, ASD and MH.

5. Please provide the average weekly fee the ICB/Health Board pays to providers of long-term care in supported living settings for adults (aged 18-64) with LD, ASD and MH. Please provide data for the latest month (if available); if not, the last financial year 2022/23

6. Please provide the number of adults (aged 18-64) with a primary support need of LD, ASD and MH needs in supported living with fees per week of;

- a. Less than £500
- b. £500 to £749
- c. £750 to £999
- d. £1,000 to £1,249
- e. £1,250 to £1,499
- f. £1,500 to £1,999
- g. £2,000 to £2,499
- h. £2,500 or more

7. Please provide the

- (a) highest,
 - (b) lowest and
 - (c) average hourly rate the ICB/Health Board pays to providers of supported living services for adults (aged 18-64) with a primary support need of LD, MH and ASD. Please provide data for the latest month (if available); if not, the last financial year 2022/23
- a. Highest
 - b. Lowest
 - c. Average

Our response

1. Leanne Watkins, Chief Operating Officer, has overall responsibility for commissioning placements in supported living.

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2. Our response to question 2 is provided in the table below. We are unable to project figures for the financial year 2023/24.

YEAR	Total number of adults for MH	Total number of adults for LD
2021/22	78	72
2022/23	80	81
August 2023	79	80

Our response to questions 2a and 2b are provided in the table below:

YEAR	MH		LD	
	Placed in area	Placed out of area	Placed in area	Placed out of area
2021/22	74	4	70	2
2022/23	76	4	79	2
August 2023	75	4	79	1

3. Unfortunately, this information is not recorded at present. To extract the information every patient file would need to be reviewed. Therefore, to comply with your request, we have established that this would exceed the appropriate costs limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which is currently £450. As you will be aware this is not an exemption which requires us to consider the application of the public interest test. We have calculated that it would take in excess of 18 hours to review the file of each patient.

4. Please see below a list of providers that ABUHB currently commission supported living packages for adults (aged 18-64) with a primary support need of LD or MH:

- Accomplish Supported Living
- Achieve Together
- Cambrian Care Consortium Limited
- Cariad Domiciliary Support Services Ltd
- Evergreen Care Limited
- Expanding Horizons
- Fieldbay
- Gateway Support and Care
- Green Valley Care
- Home from Home
- Liberty Care
- MIRUS
- Natures Hands
- Partnerships of Care
- POBL
- Prime Care
- Priory Supported Living South Wales
- React Supported Living
- Treherne Care Group
- United Response
- United Welsh

We are unable to provide information for questions 4a and 4b due to the commercial nature of the information. Therefore, the information requested is exempt from disclosure under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). It is considered that the information requested is commercially sensitive and, if released, is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the providers and the Health Board.

5. Mental Health - Average weekly cost as at August 2023 = £1421 per week
Learning Disabilities - Average weekly cost as at August 2023 = £3564 per week

6. Our response to question 6 is provided in the table below for MH and LD. Unfortunately, we do not record data specifically for ASD.

Fees per week	Total number of adults for MH and LD
< £500	9
£500 - £749	4
£750 - £999	17
£1000 - £1249	14
£1250 - £1499	10
£1500 - £1999	34
£2000 - £2499	11
£2500 or more	66

7. a. Highest - £22.50 per hour
b. Lowest - £19.90 per hour
c. Average - £21.57 per hour

Please note, the above hourly rates apply to both Mental Health & Learning Disabilities Supported Living packages