

Freedom of Information – Response – 27097

Freedom of Information Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act/Environmental Information Regulations, I would like to request the following information:

This request is regarding residential and supported living services for adults with learning disabilities (LD), mental health (MH) and Complex Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

Unless otherwise stated, please provide data for:

Financial Year 2024/2025 (previous FY)

Financial Year 2025/2026 (current FY)

Where averages are requested, please provide the arithmetic mean.

Please provide answers wherever possible separately for each category of LD, MH, and ASD.

1. Framework Arrangements

a. *Please confirm whether your authority operates a framework (or dynamic purchasing system) for externally commissioned adult LD, MH and/or ASD services.*

(Yes/No)

A – No, we do not operate a framework for residential or supported living services. All new services are commissioned on a SPOT contractual or area-based competitively awarded block contract (for Mental Health) basis.

Previous Framework for Supported Housing was terminated in 2021.

b. *If yes, please provide:*

i. *The date the current framework commenced*

ii. *The anticipated end date (including any extension options)*

A – Not applicable.

c. *Please confirm the process of entry on to the framework.*

A – Not applicable.

d. *Please provide a list of all providers currently approved on this framework (provider name only).*

A – Not applicable.

2. Average Fee Rates (Framework Placements Only)

Please provide the average fee rates paid to external providers on framework arrangements (excluding in-house services):

a. *Residential care (weekly rate, £ per week)*

Please provide the average weekly fee rates for the following service user groups:

i. *Learning Disability (LD)*

ii. *Mental Health (MH)*

iii. *Autism / Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)*

A –

Not applicable.

b. Supported living (hourly rate, £ per hour)

Please provide the average hourly fee rates for the following service user groups:

i. Learning Disability (LD)

ii. Mental Health (MH)

iii. Autism / Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Where available, please further distinguish between:

• Non-complex support needs

• Complex support needs

A –

Not applicable.

If supported living rates are not held on an hourly basis, please provide an estimated hourly rate calculated from the total weekly cost divided by the total commissioned hours.

3. Spot Purchase Placements

a. Please provide the total number of spot purchase placements commissioned in:

FY 2024/2025

FY 2025/2026 (to date or full year if available)

b. Please provide the average weekly fee (£ per week) for spot purchase residential placements.

c. If available, please also provide average weekly fees banded as:

i. Low care needs

ii. Medium care needs

iii. High care needs

(If bandings are not formally defined, please provide your internal categorisation or confirm not held.)

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For adults with learning disabilities (LD), mental health (MH) and Complex Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD):

a.

Financial Year	Residential & Nursing Care	Supported Housing
2024/2025	798	2,803
2025/2026	712	2,899

b. The average weekly fee for spot purchase residential placements is £1,548.56.

c. Services are not banded for residential - we do not categorise placements in this manner.

4. Out of Area Placements

a. Please provide the number of out-of-area (out of county) placements commissioned for adult LD, Mental Health and Autism services in:

FY 2024/2025

FY 2025/2026

A –

Financial Year	Number of out-of-count placements
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2024/2025	169
2025/2026	164

b. Please define how your authority classifies an “out-of-area” placement.

A – An “out-of-area” placement is a placement that is located outside of Suffolk County Council's own geographical boundaries and is being paid by Suffolk County Council.

5. Fee Uplifts

a. Please provide the average annual fee uplift (percentage) applied to externally commissioned LD, Mental Health and Autism services in FY 2024/2025.

- Residential care
- Supported living
- Domiciliary care (if applicable)

A –

- Residential care – 6.7%
- Supported living – 5%
- Domiciliary care – 6.7%

b. Please provide the proposed or implemented average annual fee uplift (percentage) for FY 2025/2026.

- Residential care
- Supported living
- Domiciliary care (if applicable)

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- Residential care
 - Learning Disabilities – 6%
 - Older Person (over 65) & Mental Health:
 - Up to and including £860 per week – 6%
 - Between £861 and £999 per week - 4.6%
 - £1000 and above per week - 4%
- Supported living - 6%
- Domiciliary care - 6%