

Freedom of Information – Response – 27502

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

Financial Year 2025/2026

Where averages are requested, please provide the arithmetic mean.

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

1. Average Fee Rates (Framework Placements Only)

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

No, Suffolk County Council (SCC) 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.

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)

iv. Please provide the overall average residential weekly fee.

N/A

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)

iv. Please provide the overall average hourly supported living weekly fee.

N/A

c. If you have a complex framework rate please could you state this (£).

The Council does not hold a specific rate under the title "Complex Framework Rate". Fees vary according to service type, individual needs and commissioning arrangements.

2. Spot Purchase Placements

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

i. FY 2024/2025

ii. FY 2025/2026

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

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

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.)

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

d. Please provide the average hourly rate for spot purchase supported living placements.

£22.18, based on the published and approved figure reported within the Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund.

3. 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:

i. FY 2024/2025

ii. FY 2025/2026

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

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

An out-of-county placement is when an adult is supported in a care home, supported living service, nursing home, specialist accommodation, or other care setting located outside the geographical boundary of the local authority funding or arranging their care.

4. 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.

Where possible, please separate by service type:

i. Residential care

ii. Supported living

Please note: the following figures represent the Council's standard fee uplift for 24/25. The uplift arrangements took effect from 8 April 2024.

The Council has not calculated the average uplift received across all externally commissioned placements. Individual placements may have received different increases due to specific contractual arrangements, negotiated rates, out-of-county placements, Deferred Payment Agreements, accrual arrangements, or other exceptions.

Service Type	Placement value	Fee Uplift Applied
Residential Care	Published rates £806 per week	6.7% or £54 per week
	£806 + per week	£54 per week
Supported Living	All placements	5.0%

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

Where possible, please separate by service type:

i. Residential care

ii. Supported living

Please note: the following figures represent the Council's standard fee uplift for 25/26. The uplift arrangements took effect from 7 April 2025.

The Council has not calculated the average uplift received across all externally commissioned placements. Individual placements may have received different increases due to specific contractual arrangements, negotiated rates, out-of-county placements, Deferred Payment Agreements, accrual arrangements, or other exceptions.

Service Type	Placement value	Fee Uplift Applied
Residential Care	Published rates £860 per week	6.0%
	£861 to £999 per week	4.6%
	£1,000 + per week	4.0%
Supported Living	All placements	6.0%

5. Expenditure

a. Please provide total expenditure related to long-term placements in supported living for adults aged 18-64 during FY 2024/2025:

i. LD,

ii. ASD

iii. MH

a) The 2024/25 figures are based on gross expenditure.

i. LD (Learning Disabilities): £57.776 million

ii. ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder): Included within the LD expenditure figure above.

iii. MH (Mental Health): £6.207 million

b. Please provide total expenditure related to long-term placements in supported living for adults aged 18-64 during FY 2025/2026:

iv. LD,

v. ASD

vi. MH

The total expenditure for 2025/26 has not yet been finalised and therefore the information is not currently available.