

Freedom of Information Request – Response – 27800

Follow on request to 27772

The Council's response to request number 27772 included the following statement:

' Powers under the Care Act – s.19 of the Care Act gives local authorities powers to meet needs that they don't have a duty to meet under s.18; where we think it might be beneficial to do so we need to demonstrate that we have considered using these discretionary powers'

Could you please provide the following information;

1. Were changes made to the Council's recording system's to identify when assessed needs for continuing care were categorised as falling to be met under section 19?

No changes have been made to the recording system to identify cases where assessed needs for continuing care have been determined as needs that may be met under section 19.

Practitioners are supported by practice guidance, which sets out the circumstances in which the use of discretionary powers should be considered as part of an assessment.

2. If yes, in the year 2024/25, how many people were assessed to have needs for continuing care that fell to be met under section 19?

Suffolk County Council does not capture this data.

3. How many of those needs were met?

With reference to Q2, this is not data that we capture to report on.