

FOI 3109

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Question 1: As of May 1st 2025, how many care beds for elderly care are within the Trust?

Response:

The Trust does not hold information on the total number of beds available in the Independent Sector (IS). However, we can advise that the Trust has 55 contracts with IS Nursing and Residential Care Homes across the SHSCT catering for all Programmes of Care.

The RQIA website would be a useful resource to support with your query.
www.rqia.org.uk

The SHSCT has 99 Trust owned beds for those aged over 65 across the four Statutory Residential Homes.

Question 2: Can you supply the breakdown from this figure of how many beds are operated directly by the trust and how many are in private establishments?

Response:

As at the 01/05/25 the Trust has a total of 99 beds operated directly by the Trust within the 4 Statutory Residential Care Homes.

As at 01/05/25 the Trust has 1995 placements across its Trust contracted Independent Sector Residential and Nursing Care Homes. This includes all Programmes of Care, as well as 24 Intermediate Care placements and 52 respite placements.

NB: As this number does not include any unoccupied beds, which may be available at any point, this will not equate to the total number of beds available.

Question 3: Can you supply a breakdown from this figure of how many of these beds fall into the following categories? For instance, residential, nursing, Residential EMI, Nursing EMI?

Response:

We do not hold this information in the Trust. However, the RQIA website would be a useful resource to support with your query. Their website is www.rqia.org.uk

Question 4: How many of these beds from the answer to Q1 DO NOT incur top fees?

Response:

Of the SHSCT 55 contracted Independent Nursing and Residential Homes, 32 Care Homes charge a top up fee. The Trust does not charge a Top up on its 99 Trust owned beds.

Question 5: Can you provide a breakdown of the above figure into residential, nursing, Residential EMI, Nursing EMI?

Response:

Of the 1995 placements noted in Q2 above, 680 placements currently have top up fees noted on Trust systems. These are broken down as follows:

- Dementia Nursing: 122
- Dementia Residential: 19
- General Nursing: 427
- General Residential: 112

Question 6: Can you supply data around the spectrum of top up fees? What is the highest and lowest that is being charged as of May 1st 2025?

Response:

The top up rates as of the 01 May 2025 range from £10 to £150 per week.

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