

FOI 1763

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

- 1. Does the local authority/health and social care trust hold and maintain a register of carers in its area?**

Yes

If yes to 1, how many carers have been identified in the local authority area at the time of receipt of this FOI?

2939 (includes the general trust carers register and the Learning disability specific register)

- 2. Does the local authority/health and social care trust commission an external organisation(s) to be responsible for and conduct Carers' Assessments on its behalf?**

No

- 3. Does the local authority/health and social care trust – or the commissioned organisation responsible for Carers' Assessments – have a formal fast-track process in place for the delivery of Carers' Assessments for carers of people with severe, progressive conditions?**

No

- 4. Following initial Carers' Assessments, does the local authority/health and social care trust – or the commissioned organisation responsible for Carers' Assessments – conduct routine reassessments for carers of people with severe, progressive conditions?**

The Southern Trust routinely offer reassessments for carers of people with severe, progressive conditions. Reassessments are completed if the carer accepts the offer.

5. **Does the local authority/health and social care trust – or the commissioned organisation responsible for Carers' Assessments – use a standardised form for undertaking Carers' Assessments?**

Yes

6. **Does the local authority/health and social care trust have a Single Point of Access for information and guidance on Carers' Assessments?**

No

7. **What is the cost of conducting one single Carers' Assessment?**

We are unable to provide an exact cost of undertaking a carer's assessment as this will depend on the grade of staff and the length of time required to undertake the assessment. There is no defined time allocated to complete an assessment. This is supportive conversation paced at the needs of the carer.

8. **What is the average (mean) waiting time between request for assessment and completion of assessment for all Carers' Assessments in:**

- a. The year April 2018 to March 2019
- b. The year April 2019 to March 2020
- c. The year April 2020 to March 2021
- d. The year April 2021 to March 2022
- e. The year April 2022 to March 2023?

Our IT systems do not currently support the extraction of this information.

9. **Does the local authority allocate a specific budget for Carers' Assessments?**

There is no specific budget for carrying out carers assessments

10. **If yes to 10, what was the local authority's/health and social care trust's annual budget for Carers' Assessments in:**

- a. The year April 2018 to March 2019
- b. The year April 2019 to March 2020
- c. The year April 2020 to March 2021
- d. The year April 2021 to March 2022
- e. The year April 2022 to March 2023?

If yes to 10, what proportion, as a percentage, of the budget allocation for Carers' Assessments was spent in:

- f. The year April 2018 to March 2019
- g. The year April 2019 to March 2020
- h. The year April 2020 to March 2021
- i. The year April 2021 to March 2022
- j. The year April 2022 to March 2023