

FOI 2527

2nd August 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

1. What is the average duration of each domiciliary care visit in NI?

Response:

As of 17/05/2024-23/05/2024 the Average time of each domiciliary care visit in SHSCT is 28mins: 31 secs

2. What proportion of patients in receipt of a domiciliary care package require some form of support with their medicines?

Response:

As of 17/05/2024 until 23/05/2024 the Number of patients in receipt of a domiciliary care package that require some sort of support with their medicines was:-

Number of clients

SECTOR	Independent with meds	L2- Assistance with meds	L3- Administer Meds	Grand Total
DUAL (STAT & IND)	202	6	95	207
IND	2239	98	1082	2769
STAT	1616	63	609	1889
Grand Total	4057	167	1786	4865

PERCENTAGE

SECTOR	Independent with meds	L2- Assistance with meds	L3- Administer Meds	Grand Total
DUAL (STAT & IND)	4.2%	0.1%	2.0%	4.3%
IND	46.0%	2.0%	22.2%	56.9%
STAT	33.2%	1.3%	12.5%	38.8%
Grand Total	83.4%	3.4%	36.7%	100.0%

3. What is the annual FTE salary cost of a staff member who is only able to prompt a patient to take their medicines, or if not available the average cost funded to providers per hour?

4. What is the annual FTE salary cost of a staff member who can administer medicines to a patient, or if not available the average cost funded to providers per hour?

Response to Q3 &4:

Staff do not prompt clients with medicines in the Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT).

Within the Trust staff either assist service users or administer service users their medicines. SHSCT staff are not paid differently depending on whether they either

assist or administer meds. However, Independent Sector Providers are paid £20.01 per hour and the FTE salary cost of a Trust staff member including employer costs is £32,206 which equates to an hourly cost to the Trust of £16.47, this would not account for unsocial hours, which for Monday to Friday 8pm to 6am & 24 hours Saturday would be £22.23 and Sunday would be £27.83.

5. What is the typical cost per home visit of a care package that requires no medicines support, with a prompt with medicines and care package that requires medicines administration?

Response:

The average care package is approximately 11.5 hrs per week, however the Trust does not collate the information in the format the question is posed, therefore we are not in a position to advise on the typical cost per home visit of a care package that requires no medicines support, with a prompt with medicines and care package that requires medicines administration.

6. What typical time is allowed per home visit of a care package that requires no medicines support, with a prompt with medicines and care package that requires medicines administration?

Response:

The Trust does not prompt service users to take medicines.

As of 17/05/2024 until 23/05/2024 the Average call time per visit of domiciliary care package that required support with medication was as follows:

Average time of visit duration

	Independent with meds	L2- Assistance with meds	L3- Administer Meds
AVERAGE DURATION OF CALL	00:29:17	00:27:55	00:27:01
	29mins	28mins	27mins

7. What are the typical number of visits per week for a care package that requires no medicines support, with a prompt with medicines and care package that requires medicines administration?

Response:

The Trust does not prompt service users to take medicines.

As of 17/05/2024 until 23/05/2024 the Average number of visits for a domiciliary care package that required support with medication was as follows:

Average number of visits
per week:

	Independent with meds	L2- Assistance with meds	L3- Administer Meds
AVERAGE NUMBER OF VISITS PER WEEK	16	14	17

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