

FOI 2600

6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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- 1. The number of care home residents receiving government funding support in the form of the care home tariff.**

**Response:**

At 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 there are 1,900 clients placed by SHSCT receiving government funding.

- 2. The number of care home residents families required to pay a third party top-up charge.**

**Response:**

As of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 SHSCT are aware of 721 clients where a third-party top-up is applicable. There may be families that have chosen to pay the third-party top-up direct to the home which the Trust would not be aware of.

- 3. The number of care home residents where the third party charge is being paid by the Trust.**

**Response:**

The SHSCT paid the third-party top-up charges for 41 clients.

- 4. The criteria applied for qualification for third party charges to be met by the Trust.**

**Response:**

In general Trusts fund the third party top up in cases where there are no beds available at Tariff Rate to facilitate Placement. HSC Trusts have a parallel responsibility to secure best value for money and protect the public funds for which they are accountable. There are a number of extraordinary circumstances in which the Trust may fund the third-party top up which are addressed on a case-by-case basis.

- 5. The cost to the Trust of meeting third party charges.**

**Response:**

The cost to the trust for meeting third party charges for week ending 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 was £1593.50.

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