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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – HOME CARE

I write in response to your request for information in relation to home care

Question:

- Long term care is provided to clients on an ongoing basis and varies from high intensity provision such as nursing care, to lower intensity support in the community such as the provision of direct payments to arrange regular home care visits. Please provide answers on the attached and accompanying spreadsheet.
1. Please supply the name, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for placements in supported living
 2. Please provide the total number of adults (aged 18-64) with a primary support need of learning disabilities (LD) or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) funded by the ICB/Health Board and receiving long-term care in supported living settings. Please provide data for the financial years 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26 and where possible projected figures for 2026/27
 - a. How many are placed in area (i.e. within the ICB/Health Board boundary)?
 - b. How many are placed out of area (i.e. outside the ICB/Health Board boundary)?
 3. Please provide a list of providers of supported living services used by the ICB/Health Board to place adults (aged 18-64) with a primary support need of LD or ASD receiving long-term care. To clarify, this does not include sole providers of accommodation, such as Housing Associations; only care providers registered to deliver personal care, and is only those providers registered as a care agency with the inspectorate.

Please provide data for the latest month (if available); if not the last financial year 2025/26 – please state which timescale has been used for the data provided.

- a. Please provide, for each provider, the number of adults aged 18-64 with LD or ASD funded by the ICB/Health Board in long-term supported living placements

- b. Please provide total expenditure with each provider related to long-term placements in supported living for adults aged 18-64 with LD or ASD
4. Please provide the (a) highest, (b) lowest and (c) average weekly fee the ICB/Health Board pays to providers of long-term care in supported living settings for adults (aged 18-64) with LD or ASD. Please provide data for the latest month (if available); if not, the last financial year 2025/26
5. Please provide the number of adults (aged 18-64) with primary support need of LD or ASD in supported living with fees per week of:
- Less than £1,500
 - £1,500 to £2,999
 - £3,000 to £4,999
 - £5,000 to £6,999
 - £7,000 and more
6. Does the ICB/Health Board consider there is sufficient local supported living care provision to meet the needs of aged 18-64 with learning disabilities and/or autism and which providers does the ICB/Health Board mainly use for these placements? What are occupancy levels locally?

Answer:

I must advise that the information requested is not held by NHS Lothian as the services are provided by the Local Authorities. As per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 formally I must advise that we do not hold this information.

Contact details for the Local Authorities are:

City of Edinburgh Council Central Freedom of Information Unit 3.1 Waverley Court 4 East Market Street Edinburgh EH8 8BG foi@edinburgh.gov.uk	East Lothian Council Corporate Resources, John Muir House, Haddington, EH41 3HA Department: Law and Licensing foi@eastlothian.gov.uk
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I am sorry I cannot help further with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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