

21 January 2022

Subject: Social Care Provision

Questions

Under the Freedom of Information Act I am submitting a request for the following information:

- How many people currently use Self Directed Support in your Trust area? Could you provide figures for those receiving:
 - Direct Payments,
 - Managed Budgets,
 - Trust Arranged support
 - and a combination of these options.
- How many people use Direct Payments, Managed Budgets and Trust Arranged Support in each Programme of Care across the Trust?

Is it possible to receive a breakdown how many people using:

- Direct Payments receive fewer than 5 hours of care per week, between 5-15 hours, between 15-30 hours and over 30 hours per week?
- Managed Budgets receive fewer than 5 hours of care per week, between 5-15 hours, between 15-30 hours and over 30 hours per week?
- Trust Arranged support receive fewer than 5 hours of care per week, between 5-15 hours, between 15-30 hours and over 30 hours per week?
- A combination of these options receive fewer than 5 hours of care per week, between 5-15 hours, between 15-30 hours and over 30 hours per week?

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Answer

Please see table below for all programmes of care

Programme of Care	Direct Payments (Nov 21)	Managed Budgets	Trust Arranged	Total People
Family & Child Care	0			0
Children's Disability	236			236
Older People Services	252		3933	4185
Adult Mental Health	42		359	401
Adult Learning Disability	243		756	999
Adult Physical & Sensory Disability	174		609	783
TOTAL:	947	0	5657	6604

The Trust arranged included domiciliary packages, day centres and IS/Stat home care

The Belfast Trust does not centrally hold a record of the breakdown of hours allocated to each individual in receipt of services per SDS option (in relation to fewer than 5 hours of care per week, between 5-15 hours, between 15-30 hours and over 30 hours per week). Consequently we are unable to provide this information as it will require a manual exercise to source, locate, retrieve and collate this information which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the costs limit specified in the FOI act.

We estimate that compliance with this (element of the) request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.