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Care Home Provision and Costs

We have assumed that this request is in relation to the availability of beds within the Belfast Trust area and so our response is on that basis. We have summarised the RQIA registered bed numbers for all homes across the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust geographical boundaries, which represents **potentially the number of available care beds in our area**. In reality, some of these beds will be occupied by residents from other Trusts and, similarly, we will have Belfast Trust residents placed in homes located within the geographical areas of other Health and Social Care Trusts. Additionally, some of these registered beds may not be available from time to time for occupation for particular reasons, e.g. renovation work at the home or placement suspensions in place.

Based on the limitations noted above the response to the questions are as follows:-

1. The total number of care beds within the Trust.

3104

a) This total broken down by either private company provider or provided by the Trust.

Private	2970
Trust	134

2. Of the above total number of beds, can you further break down into relevant categories, i.e. Residential, Residential EMI, Nursing and Nursing EMI?

Residential	1061
Nursing	2043

3. Out of the total number - how many beds DO NOT have an additional top up fee?

No Top Up	309
Top Up	2469
Specialist agreed rate	326

a) Can the above number be broken down further into Residential, Residential EMI, Nursing and Nursing EMI?

	No Top Up	Top Up	Specialist Rate	Total
Residential	164	774	123	1061
Nursing	145	1695	203	2043
Total	309	2469	326	3104

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4. Any data relating to the cost of above top up fees - highest, lowest or listed per provider

	Lowest Weekly Top Up	Highest Weekly Top Up
Residential/Nursing	£22.30	£302.00
Specialist	£159.55	£11,180.00