

**2 September 2024**

## Care Home Payments

We would wish to provide the following contextual information to supplement the answers to this FOI request:-

As at the 1<sup>st</sup> July we were administering 2,944 care home placements. 171 of these were in respect of extraordinary funded placements which are paid in full by the Trust regardless of the service user's ability to pay – they are not financially assessed placements. A further 724 placements are in respect of self-funders who pay the full cost of their placement. The remaining placements (2049) include a care home tariff element.

**Can you please provide for each of the Trusts (as per 1 July 2024):-**

- 1. The number of care home residents receiving government funding support in the form of the care home tariff**  
2,049. 371 of these placements are specialist beds costing £850k/week and where the client is assessed only on the tariff rate (totalling £71k/week), the Trust funds the remaining cost of £779k/week
- 2. The number of care home residents families required to pay a third party top-up charge**  
359. A further approximately 400 third party top-up charges are currently being worked through with families but have not yet been signed off. It is therefore not yet established if these will be paid by families or by the Trust
- 3. The number of care home residents where the third party charge is being paid by the Trust**  
641. See paragraph at top of this page
- 4. The criteria applied for qualification for third party charges to be met by the Trust**  
Trusts would fund third party top up where there are no beds available at Tariff Rate in order to facilitate placement. Or, increasingly where a third party top up has been introduced/increased for an existing client, the related third party is unable to cover the additional cost and where it would not be feasible to move the client to another placement.
- 5. The cost to the Trust of meeting third party charges**  
£6,243 per day currently but subject to significant increase pending point 2 and 3 above.