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Funded Admissions to Jason Court Care Home

Under the 2000 Freedom of Information Act, I wish to know the following:

All BHSCT funded admissions to Jason Court, Care Home, 375 North Queen Street, Belfast from 2020 until the present day. This information to be anonymized to show only the month and year of admission, as well as the weekly fee agreed. Please also note if the specific fee included any element of enhanced care, and if so, what this was, explicitly.

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust considers that the information requested is commercially sensitive. Therefore, the cost/price of each placement in Jason Court is exempt from release. This information is deemed commercially sensitive under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 43: Commercial Interests

- Section 43(1) provides an exemption under FOIA for information, which is a trade secret.
- Section 43(2) exempts information whose disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).
- A public authority may refuse to confirm or deny that it holds information where such confirmation or denial in itself would (or would be likely to) prejudice those commercial interests.

Section 43 is a qualified exemption. That is, it is subject to the Public Interest Test, which is set out in section 2 of the Act.

I can confirm that we have now carried out a Public Interest Test and the outcome is to maintain the exemption and withhold the information from release.

In addition, due to the small number of placements each month (less than 5) disclosure of this information could result in individual service users being personally identifiable.

This information is subject to Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Personal information relating to a third party. This is deemed to be personal information about another individual and disclosure would breach one or more of the principles of the Data Protection Act.

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We can however provide the number of admissions per annum to Jason Court as follows:

2021/22	42 admissions
2022/23	7 admissions
2023/24	18 admissions
2024/25 (to end September 24)	6 admissions

In total two admissions were at the regional tariff, with the remaining admissions at enhanced rates that are agreed on an individual basis.

To try to assist you, we have supplied below the regional tariff fees dictated by the Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG).

<u>Regional Tariff</u>	2024/25	2023/24	2022/23	01/11/2021	2021/22	2020/21
<u>Residential</u>						
Elderly	£748	£697	£646	£638	£610	£592
Learning Disability	£748	£697	£646	£638	£610	£592
Mental Illness (or Drug / Alcohol Dependence)	£748	£697	£646	£638	£610	£592
Physical Disability	£838	£781	£723	£714	£683	£663
<u>Nursing</u>						
Elderly	£910	£865	£803	£790	£765	£743
Learning Disability	£910	£865	£803	£790	£765	£743
Mental Illness (or Drug / Alcohol Dependence)	£910	£865	£803	£790	£765	£743
Physical Disability	£978	£929	£863	£848	£822	£798