

11 August 2025

Care of the Elderly

1) As of 01 May 2025, how many care beds for elderly care are within the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust?

94 Beds for Elderly Mentally Infirm Belfast Health and Social Care Trust residential care homes.

1,737 service users placed by Belfast Health and Social Care Trust in Independent Sector Provider Care Homes.

2) Can you supply the breakdown from this figure of how many beds are operated directly by the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust and how many are in private establishments?

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1,737 service users placed by Belfast Health and Social Care Trust in Independent Sector Provider Care Homes.

3) Can you supply a breakdown from this figure of how many of these beds fall into the following categories? For instance, residential, nursing, Residential Elderly Mentally Infirm, Nursing Elderly Mentally Infirm?

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1,221 nursing and 516 residential service users placed by Belfast Health and Social Care Trust in Independent Sector Provider Care Homes. A breakdown of Elderly Mentally Infirm placements is not available.

4) How many of these beds from the answer to Q1 DO NOT incur top fees?

Nil apply to statutory figures.

418 service users placed by Belfast Health and Social Care Trust.

5) Can you provide a breakdown of the above figure into residential, nursing, Residential Elderly Mentally Infirm, Nursing Elderly Mentally Infirm?

Nil apply to statutory figures.

339 nursing and 79 residential service users placed by Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. A breakdown of Elderly Mentally Infirm placements is not available.

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6) Can you supply data around the spectrum of top up fees? What is the highest and lowest that is being charged as of May 1st 2025?

Nil apply to statutory figures.

For service users placed by Belfast Health and Social Care Trust in Independent Sector Provider care homes the top up fees range from £6.25/week to £425/week.

NB. We are unable to identify the total number of care beds operated by private establishments – the requestor should be diverted to RQIA for this information.

NB. We have however provided the number of Belfast Health and Social Care Trust residents placed in Independent Sector Provider Care Homes. Unfortunately, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust do not hold a breakdown of those in Elderly Mentally Infirm beds.