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FOI Request non-verbal and learning difficulties by age within care/nursing homes any special measures to manage the care and wellbeing

Question 1: The number of service users who are non-verbal and have learning difficulties by age within care/nursing home settings, within your trust.

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust does not collect information in this way and to obtain it would involve a manual count within the caseload, which would take more than 18 hours to complete.

Belfast Trust considers that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'Appropriate Limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information Act under Section 12. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified as £450 for public authorities such as Belfast Trust. This represents the cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

Question 2: Details of any special measures that have been implemented by your trust to help manage the care, communication and wellbeing of these service users.

Each service user has a care plan, led by the Intellectual Disability Community Team key worker and care manager.