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## Care homes for adults with a learning disability

1. **How many adults with a learning disability live in a care home in your Trust area that provides residential care?**

62.

2. **How many adults with a learning disability live in a care home in your Trust area that provides nursing care?**

114.

3. **List the name of each care home.**

Belfast Trust can confirm there are 23 care homes, we have not disclosed the names and addresses of these properties because they relate to supported accommodation and residential care settings.

Listing the names of each care home constitutes personal data relating to third parties, as disclosure of property locations has the potential to identify, or make identifiable, individuals receiving services from the Trust. This is particularly the case where properties accommodate vulnerable client groups. The information is therefore exempt under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act - Personal Information relating to a third party.

Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

Disclosure of this information is also exempt under Section 38 – Health and Safety, which states that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, lead to the physical or mental harm of or endanger the safety of individuals.

Disclosure of property locations could facilitate access to vulnerable individuals and increase the risk of criminal, predatory, or exploitative activity, including targeted harm.

Section 38 is a Qualified Exemption and is therefore subject to a Public Interest Test (PIT).

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

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**4. How many adults are cared for presently in each care home?**

176 adults in total are cared for presently in each care home.

**5. How many of the adults are Q1 & Q2 have been required to make a weekly contribution to their care cost for more than**

One year - <10  
Two years - 25  
Five years - 22  
Ten years - 39  
Twenty years - 87  
Thirty years - <10  
Four years plus - 159

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust holds the information requested. However, please note that where figures are fewer than 10 (<10), we are unable to disclose the exact number.

Disclosure of low numbers could result in the identification of individual service users, particularly when combined with other information that may be available. These figures have therefore been withheld under:

Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Personal Information.

**6. How many adults with a learning disability are placed in a care home simply in the basis that they display challenging behaviour?**

Each service user has an assessment of his/her individual needs, and when this is completed, the Care Manager begins scoping for available placements that could potentially meet the service user's assessed needs.

**7. What happens when an adult with a learning disability ceases or significantly reduces displaying challenging behaviour in the care home? Do they move out of the care home?**

There is no direct correlation between behaviour and Care Home placements, although some Care Homes have a statement of purpose specific to providing care for those residents with complex behaviours. As previously stated, placements are made dependent on assessed needs.

**8. How does the Trust as an organisation reduce challenging behaviour in care homes for adults with a learning disability?**

Residents in Care Homes do not necessarily display complex behaviours. If a resident displays complex behaviours and the Provider does not have staff trained in Positive Behaviour Support, the resident is usually referred to the

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Therapeutic Support Service for assessment to determine the function of the behaviour and identify appropriate supports.

**9. Provide a copy of your policy for Positive Behaviour Support/ Positive Behaviour Support Framework.**

Independent care homes may have their own policies with regards to supporting residents.

A regional policy with regards to Restrictive Practices is available and we current await some clarification regarding definitions from a regional working group at DOH – link [doh-Regional-Policy-on-the-use-of-Restrictive-Practices-in-Health-and-Social-Care-Settings-March-2023.PDF](#)

Please refer to:

36791 care homes for adults with a learning disability\_Attachment 1.pdf

Belfast Trust Restrictive Practice policy is awaiting final review of regional document in order to progress with local update

Belfast Trust Policies relevant to behavioural support include:

[Physical Intervention by staff from Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Services \(Children and Adults\) -Procedure for](#)

Please refer to:

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**10. How many care homes listed at number 3, have had enforcement action taken by RQIA?**

In accordance with **Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000**, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust does not hold the information requested.

We would suggest you redirect your question to RQIA, contact details for RQIA Belfast:

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Website: [Contact RQIA | Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority](#)

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**11. How does each adult with a learning disability live on a personal allowance of £34 per week?**

All residents in Care Homes (Learning Disability, Physical Health and Disability, Mental Health and Older Peoples Services) receive a personal allowance of £34 per week and a weekly budget is usually agreed to cover expenditure.

**12. Whose responsibility is it to bring care home residents to social outings and events and who's responsible is it to cover the costs?**

Many events offer free or discounted entry to Care staff. The resident is responsible for payment of costs.