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Aggregate Costs regarding Admissions and Fees Range for Jason Court Care Home

I amend my request to focus on aggregate data without requiring specific costs that could compromise commercial interests. Please complete the attached simple and anonymised table.

Financial Year	No. of admissions	No of admissions - Fees range <£2,000	No of admissions - Fees range £2,001- £2,499	No of admissions - Fees range £2,500 - £2,799	No of admissions - Fees range £2,800 -£2,999	No of admissions - Fees range <£3,000
Example	30	0	5	10	10	5
2021/22	42					
2022/23	7					
2023/24	18					
2024/25	6					

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust considers that the pricing information requested is commercially sensitive.

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.

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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, the relatively small number of placements involved 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.

Please see below the number of admissions per annum to Jason Court:

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.

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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