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Department: **Hertfordshire County Council (Not Hertsmere Borough Council)**
Title: **Social care**
Description: **Information on elderly care and Target Fund Managers.**

Request: *(As Redacted sent by requestor)*

I am currently a PhD. Student at the University of <REDACTED> assessing the demand of elderly care in the UK at local authority level for Target Fund Managers. Please may you answer the following short questionnaire (below) regarding elderly care in the Hertsmere Borough local authority area. All the information received will be anonymised and will be used as part of a full UK study.

This request is made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under your Section 16 obligations, as to how I can refine my request to be included in the scope of the Act. If you are indeed of further clarification of the questions please feel free to contact me.

FOI Questionnaire:

1. What overall number of care home beds for over 65 year olds (in total and for nursing beds) were occupied/vacant in the Hertsmere Borough local authority area? Please fill in the following table.

<u>Total</u>	Jan. 2016	July. 2016	Jan. 2017	Jan. 2017	July. 2018	July. 2018	Currently
Total number of occupied care beds for over 65s.							
Total number of vacant care beds for over 65s.							
Total number of care beds for over 65s.							
<u>Nursing</u>	Jan. 2016	July. 2016	Jan. 2017	Jan. 2017	July. 2018	July. 2018	Currently
Number of occupied nursing care beds for over 65s.							
Number of vacant nursing care beds for over 65s.							
Total number of nursing care beds for over 65s.							

2. What number of care home residents over the age of 65 who currently have their care home fees paid by the local authority? Please complete the table below.

	Jan. 2016	July. 2016	Jan. 2017	Jan. 2017	July. 2018	July. 2018	Currently
Number of fully funded care beds for over 65s.							
Number of partially funded care beds for over 65s.							
Number of privately funded care beds for over 65s.							

3. What are the standard fees rates for Local Authority funded care home beds for the over 65s for both Nursing and Residential Care? Please complete the following table.

	Jan. 2016	July. 2016	Jan. 2017	Jan. 2017	July. 2018	July. 2018	Currently
Residential care beds fee rates for over 65s.							
Nursing care beds fee rates for over 65s.							

4. Do these fee rates vary based on the quality of care or the facilities available? If yes, please give details.
5. What number of care home occupants over the age 65, are currently funded by the NHS (either directly or through a clinical Commissioning Group/ Continuing Healthcare)?
6. What number of local authority funded residents pay a top up fee?
7. Are the care home rooms for over 65 year olds required to have any of the following in order for a resident funded by the local authority to be placed there:
- An en-suite WC?
 - Single occupancy room (excluding couples)?
 - A minimum care regulatory rating?
 - Any additional criteria?
8. In the last complete financial year, how much money did the local authority spend on all forms of social care and support? Please may you also include the dates that your financial year covers?
9. Of the amount mentioned in question 8, how much of this was spent on social care for the over 65s, including all forms of social care and support?
10. Of the amount mentioned in question 9, how much of this was spent on care homes for the over 65s?
11. Currently, how many over 65 year olds who receive local authority funding for a care home bed, are placed outside the local authority boundary?

Thank you for your help, and if you need any clarification please feel free to email.

Kind regards,

Response: *(Response as Redacted sent by service)*

Thank you for your query.

Hertfordshire is a two tier area and this service is not provided at a district level but by the County Council.

Therefore, please refer your FOI request to Hertfordshire County Council who will be able to help you.

Kind regards
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