

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.16310.25
<b>Subject:</b>	Elderly care
<b>Date of Request:</b>	17 January 2025

**Requested:**

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding placements and spending for older person's care home services. Please provide answers on the attached accompanying Excel spreadsheet.

1. Who within the Health Board, has the commissioning responsibility for care home placements for older people (aged 65+)? Please provide their:
  - a. Name
  - b. Job title
  - c. Telephone number
  - d. Email address
  
2. Please provide the gross total expenditure on older person's (age 65+) services for financial year **2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 (actual)** and financial year **2024/25 (projected)**:  
 For question 2a, please provide total spend on personal social services for people aged 65+. This will include spend on residential, nursing, and domiciliary care (2b, 2c, and 2d) as well as other social care for older people such as day services, etc
  - a. Gross total expenditure on older person's (65+) services
  - b. Gross total expenditure on residential home placements (65+)
  - c. Gross total expenditure on nursing home placements (65+)
  - d. Gross total expenditure on domiciliary care/home care (65+)
  
3. Please provide figures for the total number of older people (aged 65 and over) that the health board has funded during the financial years **2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25 (projected)**. This should include both new placements made during each year and ongoing placements funded by the health board:
  - a. Residential care
  - b. Residential dementia care
  - c. Nursing care
  - d. Nursing dementia care
  - e. Domiciliary care/home care
  
4. Please provide the average (mean) weekly fees paid for care home placements for older people (aged 65+) in financial year **2023/24 and 2024/25**:
  - a. Older person's residential
  - b. Older person's residential dementia
  - c. Older person's nursing
  - d. Older person's nursing dementia
  
5. Please provide the set or banded weekly fees paid for care home placements for older people (aged 65+) in financial year **2023/24 and 2024/25**:
  - a. Older person's residential
  - b. Older person's residential dementia
  - c. Older person's nursing
  - d. Older person's nursing dementia

6. Please provide the proposed average percentage uplift to the weekly rate paid by the health board between **2023/24 and 2024/25**:
- Older person's residential
  - Older person's residential dementia
  - Older person's nursing
  - Older person's nursing dementia

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) regrets to inform you that it does not hold all of the information requested. The Local Authority (LA) hold data for uplifts.

Therefore, the UHB recommends that you redirect question 6 of your request to the Freedom of Information Teams within each LA in the UHB's footprint, who may be able to help you with your enquiry. For ease, their details are set out below:-

Information & Data Protection Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP or by email [foia@carmarthenshire.gov.uk](mailto:foia@carmarthenshire.gov.uk)

Complaints & Freedom of Information Team, Ceredigion County Council, Canolfan Rheidol, Rhodfa Padarn, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 3UE or by email [foi@ceredigion.gov.uk](mailto:foi@ceredigion.gov.uk)

Information Governance Team, Pembrokeshire County Council, County Hall, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA61 1TP or by email [FOI@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:FOI@pembrokeshire.gov.uk)

Additionally, for question 3, where the figures in the table have been replaced with an asterisk (\*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low numbers of cases (5 or less), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA). This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore, there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR define personal data as data that relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information, which is in the possession of the data controller.

However, the UHB provides the information it holds within the spreadsheet as requested, at Attachment 1.

Please note: The UHB has provided the 2024/25 projected figures for questions 2 to 5, as at 31 December 2025.