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| <b>Reference:</b>       | FOI.20016.26          |
| <b>Subject:</b>         | Learning Disabilities |
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**Requested:**

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting information regarding supported living and residential care services for adults with a primary support need of learning disabilities (LD).

Long term care is provided to clients on an ongoing basis and has been allocated on the basis of eligibility criteria / policies (i.e. an assessment of need has taken place) and are subject to regular review. Please refer to the following link for further clarification, if needed (<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-collections/social-care-collection-materials-2024/salt-data-return-2023-2024-guidance/lts001a>).

Supported living may also be called Supported accommodation or Supported housing and is a housing scheme where housing, support and care services are provided to help people with disabilities live as independently as possible in the community.

Total placements is the total number of active funded placements in that period, included those carried over from previous years.

New placements are those newly commissioned in that period only, ie not carried over from a previous year.

Please respond using the attached excel template.

For financial year FY26, please provide the full year figure as at the date of your response. For financial year FY27, please provide a forecast or budgeted number of placements if available.

1. Residential Care: Please provide the total number of adults (aged 18-64) with a primary support need of LD in long-term residential care funded by the health board, in the following periods, broken down by the following weekly fee bands: £3,000 to £4,999 per week; £5,000 to £6,999 per week; £7,000 or more per week
  - Financial year 2021/22 (FY22)
  - Financial year 2022/23 (FY23)
  - Financial year 2023/24 (FY24)
  - Financial year 2024/25 (FY25)
  - Financial year 2025/26 (FY26) – Year to Date
  - Financial year 2026/27 (FY27) – budgeted / forecast
2. Residential Care: Please provide the number of new placements made for adults (aged 18-64) with a primary support need of LD in long-term residential care funded by the health board in the following periods, broken down by the same weekly fee bands: £3,000 to £4,999 per week; £5,000 to £6,999 per week; £7,000 or more per week
  - Financial year 2021/22 (FY22)
  - Financial year 2022/23 (FY23)
  - Financial year 2023/24 (FY24)
  - Financial year 2024/25 (FY25)
  - Financial year 2025/26 (FY26) – Year to Date
  - Financial year 2026/27 (FY27) – budgeted / forecast

3. Supported Living: Please provide the total number of adults (aged 18-64) with a primary support need of LD in long-term supported living funded by the health board, in the following periods, broken down by the following weekly fee bands: £3,000 to £4,999 per week; £5,000 to £6,999 per week; £7,000 or more per week
- Financial year 2021/22 (FY22)
  - Financial year 2022/23 (FY23)
  - Financial year 2023/24 (FY24)
  - Financial year 2024/25 (FY25)
  - Financial year 2025/26 (FY26) – Year to Date
  - Financial year 2026/27 (FY27) – budgeted / forecast
4. Supported Living: Please provide the number of new placements made for adults (aged 18-64) with a primary support need of LD in long-term supported living funded by the health board in the following periods, broken down by the same weekly fee bands: £3,000 to £4,999 per week; £5,000 to £6,999 per week; £7,000 or more per week
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  - Financial year 2025/26 (FY26) – Year to Date
  - Financial year 2026/27 (FY27) – budgeted / forecast

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides the information within the Excel spreadsheet as requested, at Attachment 1.

However, where the figures within Attachment 1 have been replaced with an asterisk (\*), the UHB is unable to provide you with some of the requested information as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding the following details under Section 40(2) of the FoIA:

- Some of the total numbers requested for questions 1 and 3, as they could be used to calculate the number of new placements.
- Some of the information for questions 2 and 4, due to the low number of cases (5 or less)

This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), 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.