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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ07446**

Thank you for your request for information relating to supported living services.

You have requested the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding supported living services for adults with learning disabilities (LD,) mental health (MH) and Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Please provide answers on the attached and accompanying spreadsheet, and where ever possible, please provide separate out for each category of LD, MH, and ASD .

- 1. Please could you supply the name, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for placements in supported living?**

Jon Reading, Head of Strategic Commissioning.
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- 2. Please provide the number of supported living services the council currently contract with, for adults with LD, MH and ASD. Where possible, please separate out for each category of LD, MH, and ASD, as shown in the attached spreadsheet.**

For learning disabilities and autism, Coventry City Council has approximately 56 supported living schemes in city. This figure does not include those individuals supported in their own tenancies in the community.

For mental health, Coventry City Council has five supported living schemes. This includes one provision managed by the City council and one provision where they provide community integration and independent living support

3. Please provide a list of the names of those supported living services mentioned in Q2, with the name of the provider that provides the care in them. Where possible, please separate out for each category of LD, MH, and ASD.

Learning Disability and Autism Supported Living Providers		
Accredo Care and Support	Gettalife	Real Life Options
Dignus Healthcare	Individual Care Services	Senad
Eden Futures	Lifeways	Voyage Care
Fitzroy	Promoting Independent Living Services	

Mental Health Supported Living Providers	
Anjuman	MIND (Community support)
Clifton House	Montague Court
Harry Salt House	

Transforming Care Providers	
Praxis Care	Midway
Turning Point	

Out of City	
Precious Homes	St Elizabeths College
Selbourne Care	Osei Minkah Care

4. Please provide the highest hourly rate the council pays to providers of supported living services for adults with LD, MH and ASD.

5. Please provide the lowest hourly rate the council pays to providers of supported living services for adults with LD, MH and ASD.

For Questions 4 to 5, it is confirmed that the Council does hold information pursuant to your request. However, it is our view that the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 43(2) – Commercially Sensitive Information. Section 43(2) exempts information from disclosure where disclosure of that information 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).

It is the Council’s position that the third-party providers and its own commercial interests would be prejudiced and/or would be likely to be prejudiced by the disclosure of the requested information.

Once the information is disclosed this means that it will be in the public domain and it could not only be used by the requester but also any other providers in a similar market.

Arguments in favour of disclosure.

- Promote accountability and transparency for the Council’s decisions and in its spending of public money.
- Assist the public to understand and challenge our decisions.

- Inform the public of the activities carried out on their behalf, allowing for more user involvement and collaborative decision making.
- Enable the public to better scrutinise the public monies spent

Arguments against disclosure.

- There is a public interest in allowing public authorities to withhold information which if disclosed, would reduce providers’ ability to compete in a commercial environment.
- The successful providers operate in a competitive market. If prejudicing the commercial interests of the successful providers in the market would distort competition in that market, this in itself would not be in the public interest.
- There is a public interest in protecting the commercial interests of individual companies and ensuring they are able to compete fairly.
- Disclosure of information may cause unwarranted reputational damage or loss of confidence in the Council.
- Revealing information such as a pricing mechanism can be detrimental to a provider’s commercial interest. If an organisation has knowledge of a provider’s business model, it can exploit this for its own commercial interest. This would also have a detrimental impact on the Council on other contracts and procurements by distorting the market, for the reasons stated above.

Having taken into account the arguments for and against disclosure, the Council has decided that the public interest in this case is best served by maintaining the exemption under section 43(2) FOIA and by not disclosing the information requested.

The decision to withhold the information requested is therefore upheld on the basis that Section 43(2) in relation to commercially sensitive information has been applied correctly.

6. Please provide the average hourly rate the council pays to providers of supported living services for adults with LD, MH and ASD.

For learning disabilities and autism, the average hourly rate for supported living is £15.46. Please note this average excludes providers on the Transforming Care Framework and out of city.

For mental health, the average hourly rate for supported living is £17.12 in city.

7. Please provide the average weekly fee the council pays to providers of supported living services for adults with LD, MH and ASD.

For learning disabilities and autism, the average weekly fee for supported living is £542.

For mental health, the average weekly fee, paid by the Council, for supported living is £255.91 (in city)

8. Please provide the total number of adults funded by the council in supported living services for adults with LD, MH and ASD. Where possible, please separate out for each category of LD, MH, and ASD, as shown in the attached spreadsheet.

Care Type	Number of Adults
Learning Disabilities and Autism	Approx. 175
Mental Health	Approx. 24 in city

9. Of the total number of adults funded by the council in supported living services for adults with LD, MH and ASD, (q.8) please provide the number that are male and the number that are female. Where possible, please separate out for each category of LD, MH, and ASD, as shown in the attached spreadsheet.

Care Type	Male	Female
Learning Disabilities and Autism	95	68
Mental Health	16	8

10. Of the total number of adults funded by the council in supported living services for adults with LD, MH and ASD, (q.8) please provide the number that were placed 'in area' and the number that were placed 'out of area'. By 'out of area', I mean people that are funded by the council, but placed outside the council boundaries.

Care Type	In area	Out of area
Learning Disabilities and Autism	167	8
Mental Health	16	8

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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