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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI760647824

Thank you for your request for information relating to Deliberate deprivation of assets.

You have requested the following information:

This request is regarding councils deeming that a person has partaken in a deliberate deprivation of assets.

This is the process in which the council decides if someone has deliberately given away or disposed of some or all of their savings, other capital assets, or income, to reduce the amount of their assessed care and support charge.

I would be keen to get answers and information for the following questions.

1) Could you please provide me with the total number of instances where your council has deemed that someone has carried out a 'deliberate deprivation of assets'? Could you please break these down by year 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25, and 2025/26 so far?

2) Could you please provide me with the total amount in cash terms that people have had to pay towards care costs after being deemed to have partaken in a deliberate deprivation of assets? Could you please break these down by year 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25, and 2025/26 so far?

3) Could you please give me the number of times that the council has had to recover debts from a third party after finding that a 'deliberate deprivation of assets' has taken place?

Could you please break these down by year 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25, and 2025/26 so far?

In response to Questions 1, 2 and 3, we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

We do not specifically collate this information in a report or summary format and therefore an officer would be required to manually trawl through individual cases to identify where this was the case and then perform further analysis to answer your request. As this is estimated to exceed 18 hours, this part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

4) Could you provide me with the number of times complaints have been raised with the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman from people who have been accused by the council of carrying out a deliberate deprivation of assets? Could you provide me with the number of times the ombudsman has upheld the claimant's claim?

The answer is nil.

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

Yours faithfully

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