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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI833804413**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Spending on Court of Protection.

You have requested the following information:

**1. The total number of Court of Protection welfare cases your council was involved in 2025**

2025: 34

**2. If possible, please also answer this question for the following years: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024**

2024: 62

2023: 42

2022: 21

We are unable to provide figures prior to 2022 due to migrating to new case management software in late 2021. Prior to this, we hold the information which you have asked for, but 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.

Court of Protection Welfare cases cannot be distinguished from other legal work relating to Adult Services. This information is therefore not held in a summary/report format and we have estimated that it will exceed 18 hours to manually trawl through records to answer your request. This part of

your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

**3. The total amount spent by your council on Court of Protection welfare proceedings in 2025, including in-house legal costs, legal fees for external lawyers and expert witnesses, and if possible, an estimate of staff time spend on cases**

We do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1). We are unable to provide costs for Court of Protection Welfare proceedings as these costs cannot be distinguished from other legal costs relating to Adult Services within the appropriate limit.

**4. The total amount spent by your council on Court of Protection welfare proceedings where 'P' (the subject of proceedings/protected party) was an adult with learning disabilities and/or autism in 2025, including in-house legal costs, legal fees for external lawyers and expert witnesses, and if possible, an estimate of staff time spend on cases.**

We do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1). We are unable to provide costs for Court of Protection Welfare proceedings as these costs cannot be distinguished from other legal costs relating to Adult Services within the appropriate limit. In addition we are unable to distinguish Court of Protection Welfare proceedings where 'P' was an adult with learning disabilities and/or autism, from other Court of Protection Welfare proceedings, within the appropriate limit.

**5. Of this, the total amount spent on Court of Protection proceedings involving a Deprivation of Liberty s21 MCA application in 2025, including in-house legal costs, legal fees for external lawyers and expert witnesses, and if possible, an estimate of staff time spend on cases**

We do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1). We are unable to provide costs for Court of Protection Welfare involving a Deprivation of Liberty S21 MCA application, as these costs cannot be distinguished from other legal costs relating to Adult Services within the appropriate limit. We are unable to give an estimate of staff time spend on cases as legal staff involved in these cases are involved in a broad range of work for both Adults Services and Education.

**6. And of this, the amount spent on Court of Protection proceedings involving a Deprivation of Liberty s21 MCA application where 'P' (the subject of proceedings/protected party) is an adult with learning disabilities and/or autism in 2025, including in-house legal costs, legal fees for external lawyers and expert witnesses, and if possible, an estimate of staff time spend on cases.**

We do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1). We are unable to provide costs for Court of Protection Welfare involving a Deprivation of Liberty S21 MCA application where 'P' is an adult with learning disabilities and/or Autism, as these costs cannot be distinguished from other legal costs relating to Adult Services within the appropriate limit. We are unable to give an estimate of staff time spend on cases as legal staff involved in these cases are involved in a broad range of work for both Adults Services and Education.

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

Yours faithfully

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