



Ein cyf/Our ref WQ98671(e)

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Dear Iain

I am writing in response to your Written Question:

How many people in Wales during the 2025-26 financial year received taxpayer-funded care or support packages costing more than a) £1,000, b) £2,000, c) £5,000 and d) £10,000 per day respectively?

Information on the number of people receiving publicly funded care or support packages at specific daily cost thresholds is not held centrally by the Welsh Government. The [Code of Practice in relation to the Performance and Improvement of Social Services](#) and principles of [data minimisation](#) means the Welsh Government's social services data collection is limited to information that is necessary, with a focus on performance and improvement. In particular, local authorities must collect data to evidence their progress towards achieving the quality standards expected, and their responsibilities for improving the well-being outcomes of people and carers who need care and support.

Local authorities and NHS Wales are responsible for assessing individual care needs and commissioning services accordingly. The cost of care packages varies significantly depending on the complexity of a person's needs, including in a small number of cases where individuals require highly specialised or intensive support to meet significant and often life-long needs.

Care provision spans a wide range of settings including domiciliary care, foster care, residential care, supported living arrangements and continuing healthcare. Costs are influenced by factors such as the type of care required, workforce inputs and local provider markets. These differences mean there is no single, comparable national dataset of daily package costs.

The Welsh Government does collect and publish aggregate data on social care activity and expenditure. However, local authorities and health boards are not required to report

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individual care costs by daily cost band, and so the information requested is not available in the format described.

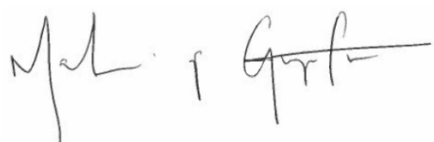
Local authorities themselves will have information on the cost of care packages. However, there is a risk that publishing data on individual care package costs could enable individuals to be identified, particularly in smaller populations or where datasets can be combined. This may give rise to confidentiality and data protection concerns, even where personal identifiers are not directly included. Provisions for preventing disclosure of personal information are given in both the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#) and [GDPR](#) principles.

The Welsh Government does collect and publish data on adults with a care and support plan who, during the year, paid the maximum weekly charge for non-residential care, paid a flat-rate charge for care and support services, or were above the capital limit for residential care and therefore met the full cost of their care until their capital fell below that threshold. For 2024–25, the figures are as follows:

- Number of adults with a care and support plan on 31 March: **49,436**
- Number of adults with a care and support plan who during the year paid the maximum weekly charge towards the cost of non-residential care: **11,927**
- Number of adults with a care and support plan who during the year paid a flat rate charge towards care and support services: **10,362**
- Number of adults with a care and support plan who during the year were found to be over the capital limit for residential care: **2,232**

As children's social care is not subject to charging contributions, equivalent data is not available.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mabon ap Gwynfor'.

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