

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
Wednesday 8 March 2023

1. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR WHITTON
Re: Consultation on Day Care and Breakdown of Costs

The current consultation documents relating to possible changes in day care services for people with learning disabilities quotes costs per day per person figures as follows:

Nichols Centre	£197.98
Rosalind	£303.39
Abbey Rise	£321.27
Rushbrook	£536.06

Will the Cabinet member for Health and Adult Social Care provide a breakdown showing how these costs have been calculated?

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR MCINNES

Please find the table below

TEAM	MANAGE CODE	ACTIVITY CODE	TOTAL BUDGET	UNIT SUPPORT WORKERS	UNIT MANAGEMENT TEAM	30% CORPORATE OVERHEADS	BUILDING BUDGET % costs	TOTAL COST TO APPORTION	APPROX COST OF SERVICE PER WEEK	TOTAL COST OF SERVICE PER DAY	CURRENT WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	COST PER ATTENDEE PER DAY
NICHOLS, EXETER RFI	B260	BLD3F	£625,000	£98,104	£44,038	£42,643	£13,200	£197,984	£3,960	£792	20	£197.98
ROSALIND, MID RFI	B263	BLD3F	£668,000	£40,990	£36,768	£23,327	£5,100	£106,185	£2,124	£425	7	£303.39
ABBAY RISE, WEST RFI	B651	BLD3F	£401,000	£167,862	£39,893	£62,327	£3,000	£273,082	£5,462	£1,092	17	£321.27
RUSHBROOK, SOUTH HAMS RFI	B656	BLD3F	£775,000	£183,766	£51,801	£70,670	£15,400	£321,637	£6,433	£1,287	12	£536.06

2. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR WHITTON
Re: Differentials in Costs and the Charity / Independent Sector

Can the Cabinet Member provide an explanation of why the figure for in house care per day given in the consultation papers differs from the cost of care in the charity and independent sector by between £142.98 and £481.06 per person per day?

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR MCINNES

The unit costs for the in-house day centers are higher than the cost of care in a charity and independent sector for a variety of reasons. Firstly, the local authority pension scheme contributions are higher than the independent sector.

In addition, the unit costs are higher because the centers are under-utilised, people are choosing to access different types of services.

Historic staffing arrangements have meant that some centers have more staff than required. The current consultation process will address these historic arrangements.

3. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR WHITTON Re: Provision Elsewhere for Complex Needs and Likely Costs and Charges.

Can the Cabinet Member advise whether CEDA in Exeter and similar facilities elsewhere are willing or able to offer day care provision to individuals with very complex and extensive needs as are currently provided for at the Nichol Centre and other similar centres across Devon and how much they are likely to charge for such care per day, if available?

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR MCINNES

Conversations with local independent sector services are underway, we will be exploring opportunities as part of this work with other services who might be willing to offer day opportunities to individuals with complex learning disabilities.

The detail of future services a person may access if the proposals go ahead will be individual to them and they choose an alternative to the day centre model. Day service costs vary and start from around £55 per day and our working assumption is costs of reprovision will be 50%-70% of the current inhouse day service costs if we procure from the independent sector.