

East Lothian Council

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In the first instance, it may help to explain that Freedom of Information legislation only applies to information which is held or recorded by a public authority. It does not apply to views, opinions, intentions or questions which simply require a yes/no answer.

In view of this, some of the questions asked are not technically valid for the purposes of this legislation as they are not requests for specific recorded information that ELC may or may not hold.

In order to assist you, however, colleagues have addressed the questions posed to the best of their knowledge. For future reference, a link to the "Tips for Requesters" page of the Scottish Information Commissioner's website has been provided which you may find useful:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Tipsforrequesters.aspx>

Each question has been addressed in the same order raised for ease of reference:

1. This information is published on East Lothian Council's (ELC) website. This means that, for the purposes of this legislation, this part of your request is exempt under Section 25(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 as the information is otherwise accessible. We have, however, provided a link to the relevant page for your convenience: http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/a_to_z/service/299/care_homes

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- a. Please refer to Q1 above.
- b. Please refer to Q1 above.
- c. Please refer to Q1 above.
- d. Crookston Care Home – 3 years 8 months. No information is held regarding the other care homes. In view of this, under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to fully comply with this part of your request as the information you require is not held.

3. ELC is only able to provide information for one of the care homes (Crookston):

- Crookston was a purpose-built facility, therefore no purchase costs were incurred.
- The total costs to build Crookston were £10,461,336.74.
- As Crookston was purpose built, there have been no redevelopment/renovation costs to the current date.
- ELC did not assume any value for the land the care home is sited on as it was already owned by the council.

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The information on the other care homes pre-dates ELC's ledger system, which was installed in 2005), and we do not have the information available to us. In view of this, under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to fully comply with your request as the information you require is not held.

4. ELC does not borrow for specific purposes but as and when funds are required. As such there are no loans purely for any particular care home.

5. Under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to comply with this part of your request as the information you require is not held.

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7. ELC does not lease, or hold under any other tenancy right, any care homes.

8. Not applicable. ELC does not borrow for specific purposes but as and when funds are required. As such there are no loans purely for any particular care home.

9. Not applicable

10. Not applicable.

11. Please refer to Q1 above.

12. Please refer to Qs 1 and 2 above.

13. ELC does not currently operate, or incur costs for operation, on behalf of any care home.

14. ELC does not borrow for specific purposes but as and when funds are required. As such there are no loans purely for any particular care home.

15. Under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to comply with this part of your request as the information you require is not held.

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16.

East Lothian Health & Social Care Partnership
Care Homes 2017/18 Budget

Category	Abbey	Eskgreen	Crookston
	£	£	£
Staffing	1,062,500	1,176,600	1,902,700
Premises	342,700	371,500	640,400
Transport	800	200	800
Supplies	27,700	30,300	32,380
Income	-502,000	-335,000	-708,000
Internal Recharges	6,100	6,200	12,500
Sub Total	937,800	1,249,800	1,880,780
Central Support Costs*	170,000	189,000	290,000
Repairs	30,000	36,000	24,000
Sub Total	200,000	225,000	314,000
Total	1,137,800	1,474,800	2,194,780
Number of Beds/Units	29	30	40
Respite Beds	2	3	-
Total	31	33	40
Cost Per Bed Per Week	£706	£859	£1,055
*Estimated			

The above table details the total weekly costs and expenses per resident as incurred by, for and on behalf of ELC, associated with maintaining and operating each care home included but not limited to: -

Any central admin cost

Any building, property and maintenance costs

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17. Three care homes with one Unit Manager and Assistant Unit Manager in each (no deputy managers):

Unit Manager Salary £[REDACTED] pa.

- Pension contributions [REDACTED]% e'ees [REDACTED]% e'ers.
- Sick Pay entitlement as per national agreement dependant on service.
- Annual Leave up to 5 years 32 days, over 5 years 37 days and over 10 years 39 days.

Assistant Unit Manager Salary £[REDACTED] pa.

- Pension contributions [REDACTED]% e'ees [REDACTED]% e'ers.
- Sick Pay entitlement as per national agreement dependant on service.
- Annual Leave up to 5 years 32 days, over 5 years 37 days and over 10 years 39days.

18. Under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to comply with this part of your request as the information you require is not held.