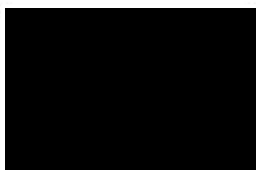


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8 May 2018



Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA)

Please accept my apology for the delay in responding to your request for information regarding registered care homes.

I can advise that Midlothian Council currently owns and operates two registered care homes. Details of which are below.

Newbyres Village, 20 Gore Avenue, Gorebridge, EH23 4TZ
Highbank Care Home, 9a Bonnyrigg Road, Dalkeith, EH22 3EY

The Council has no plans to dispose, cease, or transfer operation of these care homes and does not have current future plans to purchase, build or redevelop.

The Council does not have care homes held under lease and /or other tenancy arrangement.

In relation to the two registered care homes owned and operated by Midlothian Council you have asked for the total costs incurred from date of ownership to 15 February 2018, associated with the following:

- a. Purchasing each of the care homes
- b. Constructing/Building care homes
- c. Redevelopment/Renovation
- d. Purchasing land or assumed land value

Unfortunately, our records don't go back beyond 1999, therefore, I am unable to provide this information for Highbank Care Home. In respect of Newbyres Village Care Home the information is not readily available. To avoid holding back our response any longer, I will send this information to you once I have received it from my colleagues in property services.

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The new amount borrowed from the Council's loan fund for Newbyres Village Care Home was £138,683. Unfortunately, we cannot provide the same level of detail for Highbank Care Home as this was built in the 1980's, at which time it was run by Lothian Regional Council.

For details of weekly expense costs per resident for each care home in relation to central admin costs and building, property maintenance costs please see below. It should be noted that not all central admin costs are allocated down to a cost centre level.

Central admin costs per resident provided per week in 2016-17

Highbank - £40.72

Newbyres - £46.74

Premises costs per resident provided per week in 2016-17

Highbank - £59.12

Newbyres - £57.21

In relation to the average yearly salary (prior to deduction of tax etc.); annual yearly pension contribution, and average yearly annual leave entitlement for the identified posts please see below:

- In 2017-18 the post of Care Home Manager pay scale is £36,352 to £39,748, and the post of Assistant Unit Manager is £32,235 to £35,251. There is no Duty Manager post.
- The employer's contribution in 2017-18 for all staff is 20.2% of gross salary.
- The annual leave entitlement for all staff is 29 days per annum for staff with less than 1 year service rising to 37 days after 8 years.

Once again, please accept my apology for the delay. I hope the information provided is helpful and I will contact you in due course with the cost associated with Newbyres Village Care Home.

An applicant who is dissatisfied with the way in which Midlothian Council has dealt with his/her request for information under section 1(1) of the FOISA, may, by virtue of section 20 of the FOISA, require Midlothian Council to review its actions and/or decisions in relation to that request.

If you wish Midlothian Council to review its actions and/or decisions with respect to your request for information, you should write to the Director whose name is printed at the top of this letter. Thereafter we will arrange for your application for review to be considered. We will write to you informing you of the decision by not later than twenty working days after receipt of your request requiring that a review be made. By virtue of section 21 of the FOISA, you will be provided with a statement of reasons for arriving at the decision made.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

