

Response to: FOI 179 October 2023 For further information contact: foi@nihe.co.uk

## Information on weekly Housing Benefit eligible rent levels

 Please provide weekly Housing Benefit eligible rent levels paid for all supported accommodation in Northern Ireland (and clarify if these are supported but not exempt and supported exempt). If possible, please could you show the total/gross weekly rent split between the core rent, eligible and ineligible service charges. If you cannot provide this, please could you give the highest rent paid in these categories.

I confirm that we do not hold an electronic version of a breakdown of charges submitted by individual supported accommodation providers for each specific scheme.

I have however provided a range of final agreed costs (the eligible rent to be used in the calculation of Housing Benefit) which includes rent charges, eligible service charges and housing management costs. For data protection purposes I have not included the name of the provider or the address of the scheme as this ensures that a person at a particular address cannot be identified as a person who requires care, support or supervision.

Please see the table on the next page for a range of final agreed costs.

| Provider | No. of<br>schemes | Client Group                     | Type of<br>Accommodation      | Eligible Rent<br>Agreed weekly<br>charge |
|----------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1        | 28                | Homeless                         | Shared and self-contained     | £145 - £271                              |
| 2        | 1                 | Young mothers                    | Self-contained                | £144.61                                  |
| 3        | 1                 | Learning and physical disability | Shared                        | £70 - £110                               |
| 4a       | 6                 | Older people /                   | Shared and self-              | £132 - £210.95                           |
| 4b       | 1                 | disabled                         | contained                     | £403 - £605                              |
| 5        | 8                 | Domestic Abuse                   | Shared                        | £131.50 - £311.21                        |
| 6        | 13                | Older people /<br>disabled       | Shared and self-contained     | £58.56 - £97.03                          |
| 7        | 4                 | Homeless                         | Shared and self-contained     | £180 - £332.51                           |
| 8        | 80                | Disability                       | Self-contained                | £89.51 - £315.29                         |
| 9        | 4                 | Disability                       | Shared and self-contained     | £105.20 - £235                           |
| 10       | 14                | Disability                       | Self-contained                | £58.39 - £474.99                         |
| 11       | 9                 | Disability                       | Self-contained                | £86.59 - £133.44                         |
| 12       | 4                 | Ex-offenders and homeless        | Shared                        | £155.63 - £320.20                        |
| 13       | 4                 | Older people /<br>disabled       | Self-contained                | £81.58 - ££104.76                        |
| Encircle | 9                 | Mental Health /<br>Disabled      | Shared and self-<br>contained | £309.99 - £663.45                        |
| 15       | 9                 | Mental Health                    | Shared and self-<br>contained | £67.21 - £167.02<br>(2022/23)            |