

Freedom of Information Request

- 1. How many adults – excluding those living in a care home - were billed* for social care charges for long-term care and support in the following financial years? Please break down the figures into those aged 18-64 and those aged 65+ for each.**

i) 2019/20	Nil
ii) 2020/21	Nil
iii) 2021/22	Nil

* Please include those who were billed but have not yet paid

- 2. How many adults – excluding those living in a care home - had debt management procedures commenced against them for the non-payment of social care charges for long-term care and support in the following financial years? This includes individuals contacted at any stage of the debt recovery process. Please break down the figures into those aged 18-64 and those aged 65+ for each. This may include individuals who are now deceased.**

i) 2019/20	Nil
ii) 2020/21	Nil
iii) 2021/22	Nil

- 3. As of 1 April 2022 (or at the time of responding to this FOI, if data for 1 April 2022 is not available), how many adults – excluding those living in a care home - were involved in a debt recovery process for the non-payment of social care charges for long-term care and support? This includes individuals at any stage of the debt recovery process. Please break down the figures into those aged 18-64 and those aged 65+, and how much was owed in total by these individuals to the Trust. This may include individuals who are now deceased.**

Nil

- 4. In the following financial years, how many adults have had legal action brought against them for the non-payment of social care charges for long-term care and support? Please break down the figures into those aged 18-64 and those aged 65+ for each. This may include individuals who are now deceased.**

i) 2019/20	Nil
ii) 2020/21	Nil
iii) 2021/22	Nil

- 5. In how many of those cases in answers 4i, 4ii and 4iii has this resulted in criminal action being taken? Please break down the figures by the following financial years, and into those aged 18-64 and those aged 65+ for each:**

i) 2019/20	Nil
ii) 2020/21	Nil
iii) 2021/22	Nil

- 6. Is your debt recovery process, with regard to social care charges, currently managed internally (ie within the Trust) or externally (ie by a private company instructed by the Trust)? Please explain.**

The Debt Recovery process is first of all undertaken by the Northern Trust HSC credit control team, with escalation to the Business Services Organisation (BSO) Director of Legal Services thereafter. BSO are part of the NHS in Northern Ireland.

- 6b. If the debt recovery process is currently managed externally, what is the name of the private company or companies being instructed by the council?**

Not applicable see response at point 6 above.

- 7. In how many cases, where an adult – excluding those living in a care home - has had debt management procedures against them for the non-payment of social care charges for long-term care and support, has the Trust waived those debts in the following financial years? Please break down the figures into those aged 18-64 and those aged 65+ for each. This may include individuals who are now deceased.**

i) 2019/20	Nil
ii) 2020/21	Nil
iii) 2021/22	Nil