Further to your Information request FOI64714 please find your questions and our response below:

1 a) Could you confirm the percentage of total care home placements in your local area when a third party top-up is being paid? Can you please provide data for the following financial years:

**Response:**

- April 2012-present date – 1.54%
- April 2011-March 2012 – 2.35%
- April 2010-March 2011 – 2.52%
- April 2009-March 2010 – 2.49%

1 b) For each year, could you confirm the number of third party top-ups that were arranged between the care home provider and the third party and the number that were arranged between the council and the third party?

**Third Party Payments Paid to Care Home Provider:**

**Response:**

- April 2012-present date – 4 (We have now started recording it on system)
- April 2011-March 2012 – We do not record this information on system.
- April 2010-March 2011 – We do not record this information on system.
- April 2009-March 2010 – We do not record this information on system.

**Third Party Payments Paid to RBWM:**

- April 2012-present date – 2
- April 2011-March 2012 – 0
- April 2010-March 2011 – 1
- April 2009-March 2010 – 1

2) What is the **average** / minimum / maximum level of third party top-up paid in your local area? Can you please provide data for the following financial years:

**Response:**

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3) Of those care home placements in your local area that have a third party top-up arrangement, can you provide a record of whether or not you directed those individuals to independent advice prior to entering into the agreement? Please answer this question for the following financial years:
Response:

April 2012-present date – We do not record this information.
April 2011-March 2012 – Same as Above
April 2010-March 2011 – Same as Above
April 2009-March 2010 – Same as Above

4) Do you include checks in your Annual Review of all residential service users in your local area to establish whether or not the third party can continue to fund the top-up? If so, could you provide details of the type of questions and information you collect?

Response:

Prior to a placement being made the Assessments and Interventions Team (Social Care) obtain financial information from the 3rd party to evidence that payment of the top-up is sustainable for the lifetime of the placement. The Finance Partner has to ratify this prior to the placement being made.

This concludes your request FOI64714.

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