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Please ask for Ian James
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Dear Martin

Thank you for your letter of the 17th April 2014.

Solihull Council shares your organisation's ambition for people with learning disabilities to live full and fulfilling lives; this continues to be a challenging goal, however providers and commissioners do not systematically achieve this for people with learning disabilities as the experience of Winterbourne View clearly evidences.

Solihull Borough Council has adopted an individual approach to agreeing the costs of care and support for people with learning disabilities who live in residential care or supported living. In practice, this means that following an assessment of need under the NHS and Community Care Act, we use the Care Funding Calculator to provide an indication of the cost range that would apply for an individual. As you know, this national tool has been developed with the full participation of providers. Typically, we use this approach when we are negotiating a new service with provider organisations and at a Review if the person's support needs have changed

We are clear that this information provides an informed basis for negotiation and have found this to be a collaborative process, through which we have been able to agree a fair price for the cost of support with the overwhelming majority of provider organisations.

I trust this information is useful and demonstrates Solihull's commitment to achieving best value with public resources as well as a fair and reasonable price for provider organisations.

Yours sincerely,

Ian James
Director for Adult Social Care

