

**Request:**

1. How many individuals is the local authority acting as an appointee for, please? **91**
2. How many of these individuals (in area or out of area) pays adult social care charges to the council for non-residential services? **32**
3. Which department is responsible for administering appointeeship? **HECS - Court of Protection Team - ASC Finance**
4. Which department is responsible for assessing social care charges? **HECS - Financial Assessment Team - ASC Finance**
5. How many officers in either department carry out an overlapping role with regard to appointeeship and care charges? **Zero**
6. How many times has the appointeeship team responded to a consultation on behalf of individuals or any group of benefits claimants regarding a change in the council's charging policy, since 2015? **Information not recorded**
7. How many appeals about care charges has the appointeeship team submitted to the financial assessment team since 2015? **Information not recorded**
8. How many complaints has the appointeeship team submitted regarding care charges since 2015? **Information not recorded**
9. How many times has the appointeeship team sought or referred individuals they act for, to independent advice (whether third sector, legal aid or privately funded) about care charges, since 2015? **Zero**
10. How many times has the appointeeship team questioned the accuracy, fairness or legal validity of individuals' care charges or the council's charging policy, since 2015? **Information not recorded**
11. Does the council treat appointeeship as a Care Act service? **No**  
  
If so, does it charge for that as part of the Care Act charging system? **No. there is a charge, but this is separate from Care Act Charging system**
12. How much does it charge, if it makes a charge, per month or per week or per year, please? **£5 per week**
13. If appointeeship is not provided for through the Care Act, does the council allow for a DRE deduction from Disability Benefits income, for the charge it makes for



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appointeeship (assuming a person is otherwise chargeable)? **No, but the charge is based on a savings threshold for individuals and is not based on income. Those with savings below the threshold the charges are not applied**

14. If the council does not operate appointeeships for adult social care clients, does the council permit a full DRE deduction from Disability Benefits income, for any charge levied by any other corporate or private appointee (assuming a person is otherwise chargeable)? **N/A**

15. In respect of all council clients who are currently in receipt of adult social care services, regarded as liable to pay a charge for their adult social care services, for whom the appointee role is currently undertaken - how is the relevant department holding the appointeeship responsibility proposing to manage the conflict of interest presented by the judgment in the Norfolk CC v SH case in December 2020, given that the decision means that other similar policies are presumptively unlawful? Please answer with a sentence or a paragraph; it is suggested that it is not a proper response to say that no decisions have been made, as yet, because the problem already exists. **The Council is currently reviewing its Charging Policy**