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Request and Response:

- 1. How many Deferred Payment Agreements were entered into by Cornwall Council to assist home owners to pay their care home fees in:**

Financial Year April 2016 – March 2017

32

Financial Year April 2017 – March 2018

26

- 2. What is the total amount paid out by Cornwall Council towards the cost of care home fees for people with whom the council had entered into a Deferred Payment Agreement in place and which will have been charged against these individual properties in respect of:**

a. Financial Year April 2016 – March 2017

£289,425.50

b. Financial Year April 2017 – March 2018

£612,414.30

- 3. If Cornwall Council enters into a Deferred Purchase Agreement to assist someone to pay their care home fees, who selects the tenant of the house:**

a. The Council? (Yes/No)

No

b. The Owner? (Yes/No)

Yes

It is not a requirement of the Deferred Payment Agreement that the property is tenanted. This would be a decision for the owner or their representative.

4. If the council selects the tenant does it select individuals form the Council's waiting list for the property?

a. Yes/No

Not Applicable – the Council does not select the tenant.

5. If Cornwall Council enters into a Deferred Purchase Agreement to assist someone to pay their care home fees, does the Council itself let and manage the property?

a. Yes/No

No

6. If Cornwall Council enters into a Deferred Purchase Agreement to assist someone to pay their care home fees, under the Deferred payment agreement. Who is responsible for maintaining and insuring the property:

a. The Council? (Yes/No)

No

b. The Owner? (Yes/No)

Yes

- 7. What administrative and/or other charges does Cornwall Council make to an individual to enter into a deferred property agreement?**

£.....Per DPA

This information is available on the Cornwall Council website and can be found via the link below:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/36259803/dpa-fees-and-charges-updated-27122018.pdf>

- 8. What charge does the Council make for selling the property following the death of the individual? (if any)**

£.....Per Property Sale

The Council is not responsible for selling the property. However, should the Council need to enforce the legal charge if repayment is not made, an application would be made to the court for the expense.

- 9. What is the average number of weeks between the death of the owner and the completion of the sale of the owner's property?**

Average Number of Weeks.....

This is not known as repayment of a Deferred Payment Agreement can be made at any time from any source. A Deferred Payment Agreement is not solely dependent on the sale of property.

- 10. How many whole time equivalent members of staff does the Council employ to manage and administer Deferred payment arrangements?**

.....Number of whole time equivalent

There are no specific whole time members of staff employed solely to manage and administer Deferred Payment Agreements. Administering Deferred Payments Agreements is only part of the Charging Assessment Officer's role but also involves input from the Valuers, legal team and finance team.

Information provided by: Adult Social Care

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