

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

For adult social care, for the last five years, the value of all packages of care worth over £750 per week (ie. a list of the values).

If it is possible to do so within the resource limit, please break these down to show which are for people aged between 18-65 and which are for over 65s.

ANSWER:

During the course of a year the cost of a person's package of care will vary. This means that for a period within any given year the cost of their support may exceed £750 whilst at other times it may be lower than £750. It is not currently possible for us to monitor and report on every change in total package costs for every individual during the year. Therefore, in order to answer your question, we have identified all of those individuals with a package costing over £750 as at 1st April of each year:

	01/04/2008	01/04/2009	01/04/2010	01/04/2011	01/04/2012
18 to 64	92	104	132	156	156
65+	13	22	23	23	20
Total	105	126	155	179	176

If it is possible to do so within the resource limit, please break these down to show which packages of care were newly commissioned that year.

It has been assumed that this question refers to the number of customers who were new to the local authority during the year. Of those packages detailed in the table above, the following number relate to individuals who had a package cost exceeding £750 per week, but were not in receipt of support from Leicester City Council as at 1st April in the previous year:

	01/04/2008	01/04/2009	01/04/2010	01/04/2011	01/04/2012
18 to 64	25	7	13	20	4
65+	3	3	2	5	2
Total	28	10	15	25	6

If it is possible to do so within the resource limit, please indicate whether the value of these packages of care includes any contribution from the Independent Living Fund (ILF) and how much this contribution is worth.

If you only know the LA contribution for part 1 of this request, and it is possible that there is an additional ILF contribution which the LA does not record, please could you state this in your response.

The cost of the packages of care used to produce the information in the tables above does not include any contribution from ILF. It is possible that customers received contributions from ILF, but these are not systematically recorded by the local authority for all individuals.

If it is possible to do so within the resource limit, please indicate whether the value of these packages of care includes a contribution from continuing care in addition to local authority funding (ie. how much for each package of care is CC funding and how much is LA funded). If you only know the LA contribution for part 1 of this request, and it is possible that there is an additional continuing care contribution which the LA does not record, please could you state this in your response.

So, for example, your response might say that you have 3 packages of care worth over £750 per week (say, a=£950, b=£1100 and c=£1300). Some of those might include a contribution from the ILF (perhaps a is funded £500 by the local authority and £450 by the ILF). Some of those might also include a contribution from continuing care (perhaps c is funded £600 by the local authority, £500 by continuing care and £200 from ILF).

Leicester City Council does not hold historical records in relation to the CHC status of individual cases. The Council does not hold this information. Therefore this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

We could advise you re-direct this question to the Health Sector.

If it is possible to do so please indicate whether the value of these care packages includes any contribution from the Independent Living Fund (ILF) and how much this contribution is worth. If you only know the LA or Total contribution of the care package, but it is possible that there is an additional ILF contribution which the LA does not record please could you state this in your response.

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