

## 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:**

**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:**

**April 2012-present date**

**April 2011-March 2012**

**April 2010-March 2011**

**April 2009-March 2010**

**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?**

**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:**

**April 2012-present date**

**April 2011-March 2012**

**April 2010-March 2011**

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<b>Question 1a 1b and 2</b>					
<b>Period</b>	<b>% of placements</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>No of top ups*</b>
April 09 to March 10	6	£106.95	£1.00	£412.00	147
April 10 to March 11	6	£106.48	£2.00	£469.00	123
April 11 to March 12	10	£108.02	£1.00	£405.00	329
April 12 to present	8	£120.77	£12.00	£447.50	126
<b>* all top ups are contracted between the council and the third party</b>					

**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:**

**April 2012-present date**

**April 2011-March 2012**

**April 2010-March 2011**

**April 2009-March 2010**

**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?**

The answer to Q3 and Q4 is no in both cases, we don't 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.

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