

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. How much the local authority has spent on funding family intervention projects in each of the last three years - and how much funding the local authority has received from the government towards these projects.

Family Intervention Projects cost £460,656 per an annum. Therefore, the total for the last 3 full financial years is: £1,381,968. These projects have been funded entirely by grants received by the local authority from the government. The funding streams that contributed were: Supported Housing (Supporting People Grant in 2010/11, base budget funded from 2011/12), Area Based Grant, Early Intervention Grant and Children's Social Care (Base Budget).

2. How many so called 'troubleshooters' have been recruited by the local authority since 15th December 2011 to tackle troubled families and help identify families that are in need of help, make sure they get access to the right services and ensure that action is taken.

The Strategy Manager (Parenting & Family Support) is performing the role of Troubled Families Co-ordinator (troubleshooter). We have not recruited any further 'troubleshooters' as the role is being fulfilled by an existing member of staff.

3. An estimate of the costs to the local authority of responding to troubled families in each of the last three years.

The cost of family intervention project(s) in the last three years has been £1,381,968 (£460,655 per annum). Calculations to estimate the unit costs of troubled families in Leicester have not been undertaken. 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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