

## 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:

**Please complete the table below stating what funding was allocated to social care services for deaf/hearing impaired children in 2012/13, and what funding has been allocated for 2013/14? Examples include (but are not limited to) funding for assessments and equipment.**

**If your local authority does not hold a specific budget for deaf/hearing impaired children, please give figures for any of the overarching budgets these services are funded from, and state which service, team or departments this budget covers e.g. children with disabilities, short breaks, deaf/hearing impaired adults and children etc.**

We do not have specific costs for the short breaks or other services for these children as all of the young people we provide services for with deafness/hard of hearing have it as one amongst many of their disabilities. As such no specific data is kept regarding deafness. 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.

The table below shows the staffing budget for the team as a whole, this includes the staffing for children with these disabilities.

	2012/13	2013/14	Who provides this budget? (name each service, team or department)	If there has been a reduction, please explain why.
<b>Net budget allocated (£)</b>	483,000	427,700	Staffing costs for Disabled Children's Team – this covers Social Work, Child Care Support and Occupational Therapy staffing for all children with disability not just those in this category.	Reduction in unqualified posts as part of service wide cuts

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**Information Governance Manager**  
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**FREEPOST (LE985/33)**  
**New Walk Centre**  
**LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**  
e-mail: [info-requests@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:info-requests@leicester.gov.uk)

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**Information Commissioner's Office**  
**Wycliffe House**  
**Water Lane**  
**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**  
**Telephone: 01625 545 700**  
[www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)

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