

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 – local welfare assistance scheme

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

### You asked:

- 1. How many people/households have received support from your local welfare assistance scheme since April 2013? Of these, how many were young people aged under 25?**

The total number of people/households awarded support since April 2013 is 1,321 of which 817 were for a crisis and 504 for a support grant.

The number of awards made to under 25 year olds is 267 – 151 crisis and 116 support.

- 2. How much money was initially allocated to your local welfare assistance scheme at the start of the financial year in April 2013?**

The amount of money initially allocated to our local welfare assistance scheme at the start of the financial year in April 2013 was a budget of £1.606 million.

- 3. How much of this budget was spent in each month of this financial year, and how much is remaining for the rest of the financial year?**

The monthly amounts spent are as follows:

April - £42,494.70  
May - £42,790.80  
June - £42,907.00  
July - £28,829.00  
Aug - £35,641.00  
Sept - £39,253.00  
Oct – £33,733.01  
Nov - £16,943.10  
Dec - £14,911.56  
Jan - £16,106.02

This equates to a total spent of £313,609.19, an additional allocated spend of £200K with partner organisations delivering aspects of the scheme leaving an approximate £1,086,390.00 remaining in the budget.

- 4. How much money was allocated for marketing your local welfare assistance scheme to ensure that local people are aware of what the support the scheme can offer and who is eligible?**

The marketing budget amount was £10,000.00.

- 5. What eligibility criteria are you using to assess applications to the local welfare assistance scheme?**

This part of the letter constitutes a refusal notice under Section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because an exemption under Section 21 of the Act is being applied, namely the information is accessible by other means, e.g. the Council Website, as it is already in the public domain.

The eligibility criteria and the policy used to assess applications can be found at: <http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/housing/community-support-grant/>

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**New Walk Centre**  
**LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**  
e-mail: [info.requests@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:info.requests@leicester.gov.uk)

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**Water Lane**  
**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**  
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