

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. For the year ending 31 March 2013: how many children were there aged 19 years old who were looked after when aged 16:

a. who were female; 18

b. who, to the knowledge of the local authority, had a pregnancy resulting in a live birth, either during that year or in previous years. 6

[the cohort under question is the same as that in Children looked after in England, including adoption, Table LAF1, found here]

2. Is it currently standard practice for looked after children (excluding those who fall under the designation of a 'relevant child' as defined in section 23A(2) of the 1989 Children Act) to be appointed a Personal Advisor:

a. on or before their sixteenth birthday?

As of April all 16 year olds will have an allocated PA just prior to their 16th Birthday

b. on or before their seventeenth birthday?

c. on or before their eighteenth birthday?

If there are different standard practices for different cohorts (for example, relating to stage of education, training or employment), please outline these.

3. With reference to Appendix A, clause A.3 of The Children Act 1989 Guidance and Regulations Volume 3: since 1 April 2011, has the leaving care service ever designated a young person's former foster carer as Personal Advisor 'even though they may not possess the usual skillset'.

No

4. Within the leaving care team, are there any personnel for whom specialist knowledge or experience regarding education, training or employment was required on the point of hiring i.e. specified within their job description? If not, have any such personnel been employed within the leaving care service at any point since the beginning of 2010?

Yes. Way Ahead Project Manager.

5. Within the leaving care team, are there any personnel for whom specialist knowledge regarding issues of health, mental health or disability was required on the point of hiring i.e. specified within their job description? If not, have any such personnel been employed within the leaving care service at any point since the beginning of 2010?

No

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