

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) The number of referrals made by the local education authority of under-18s to specialist drug and alcohol services in 2012/13 and 2011/12;

The table below shows the referrals to the "New Direction" Young people's open access, substance misuse service for the 2 years in question. The information is split into Information Advice and Guidance (IAG); specialist substance misuse assessment (Assessment); and treatment.

	New referrals from an education source	
	2011/12	2012/13
IAG	114	164
Assessment	21	17
Treatment	15	16

The 'IAG' numbers refer to requests for general information and advice and not necessarily a referral for a young person who has a substance misuse need. The service receives request from young people that require information for PSHE input and general advice for school projects.

These referrals are from all education sources such as the Education Welfare Service, Pupil Referral Units and individual schools.

2) The age of the youngest referral made by the local education authority to specialist drug and alcohol services in 2012/13 and 2011/12;

As commissioners of the young people's substance misuse service Leicester City Council receives aggregated anonymised information in relation to referrals and provider performance, we do not hold case specific information. This information is held by the provider agency, Leicester Partnership Trust, 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. Please approach Leicester Primary Trust directly for this information:
info@lcp-trust.org.uk

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Information Governance Manager
Information and Support
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
e-mail: info-requests@leicester.gov.uk

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
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