

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:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act to request information about local authority's commissioning of drug and alcohol treatment the operations of the local authority's health and well-being board.

- 1. Whether the health and wellbeing board includes representatives of: the local police and crime commissioner, the probation service or the local police force?**

The Health and wellbeing board includes representative of the local police force.

- 2. Has the local authority retendered contracts for drug alcohol treatment services since April 2013?**

Yes: Adult substance misuse contracts were retendered during 2012/13, with new contracts becoming operational July 2013. Young people's treatment service contracts were retendered during 2013/14. The new contract becomes operational 1st July 2014.

- 3. If there is a new tender, what percentage change in yearly spending on (a) drugs and (b) alcohol does this represent over each of the next three financial years?**

The tenders for drugs and alcohol are integrated substance misuse contracts so it is not possible to distinguish the costs for a – drugs, and b – alcohol. The % change in yearly spending for the integrated services for the next 2 years is less than 1% reduction, which reflects the tenders. We are not able to provide the information for 3 years as the tender does not cover this period. 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.

- 4. What was the total spend on drug treatment services in the financial years 2012/2013 and 2013/2014? What is the anticipated spend on drug services in 2014/15, 2015/2016 and 2016/2017?**
- 5. What was the total spend on alcohol treatment services in the financial years 2012/2013 and 2013/2014? What is the anticipated spend on alcohol treatment services in 2014/15, 2015/2016 and 2016/2017?**

[Response Q 4 & 5](#)

As for question 3, it is not possible to distinguish between drugs and alcohol spend. Total actual and anticipated spend on substance misuse (combined drugs and alcohol) for the financial years requested is shown in the table below.

2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
8,757,866	8,437,377	8,177,012	8,168,860	7,368.860

Retendered contracts became operational in July of 13/14 therefore 2012/13 and the 1st quarter of 2013/14 are at the old higher contract values.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

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

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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