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 each of the past five financial years (2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009) and this year-to date (11th April 2014) please state how many children amongst your looked after population have got a diagnosis of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) (e.g Foetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS), Alcohol Related Neurological Disorder (ARND), or Foetal Alcohol Affects (FAE)).

2. For each of the past five financial years (2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009) and this year-to date (11th April 2014) please state the number of children to whom you are currently offering additional educational support who have a got a diagnosis of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)?

3. For each of the past five financial years (2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009) and this year-to date (11th April 2014) how much in total is your council spending to provide additional educational support to those children with a diagnosis of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)?

Health Care Professionals in Leicester do not use the diagnosis of Foetal Alcohol Disorder; this has been the case for more than 5 years. The term used by Health Care Providers in the city that encompasses this is, 'Global Development Delay'.

As the Council does not hold this information, 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 legislation allows you to use the information supplied for your own personal use, or for journalistic purposes. If the information is a dataset (which does not relate to the environment), you may also use the information for commercial re-use under an Open Government Licence.

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.

You may also seek independent advice from the Information Commissioner at:

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

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider requests until the internal appeals process of the Council has been exhausted. You are therefore advised to appeal to the Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.