

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:

Question 1

- A) What is the total annual budget for Leaving Care Services (including personnel) in the budget year 2014/15? £1,546,000
- B) What was the total annual budget for Leaving Care Services (including personnel) in the budget year 2013/14? £1,216,900
- C) What was the total annual budget for Leaving Care Services (including personnel) in the budget year 2012/13? £1,177,700

Question 2

- A) How many Personal Advisors for care leavers were employed by the local authority on 1 January 2013? 11
- B) How many Personal Advisors left the employment of the local authority during the year 2013? 1
- C) How many of those who left in 2013 did so because they were made redundant? 0
- D) How many Personal Advisors were employed by the local authority on 1 January 2014? 10

Question 3

What is the annual salary of a Personal Advisor employed by the local authority? If there are different gradations, please include these.
£25,727 – 28,127 over 4 gradations (including £26,539 and £27,323)

Question 4

What level of bursary does the local authority provide per year for care leavers attending higher education? £2,000 in total over the length of the course. This is currently split into £800, £600 and £600

Question 5

- A) Does the local authority run – or work with voluntary sector organisations to provide – specific schemes to help care leavers to access apprenticeships? [this does NOT include DWP initiatives such as the Youth Contract; this also does NOT include generic work experience schemes] Yes, Leicestershire cares(flying fish project) provides open support for the city councils pre apprenticeship programme, this programme leads to 6, 18 month apprenticeships with the city council exclusively for care leavers
- B) Does Leaving Care Services provide specific financial support to allow care leavers to subsist on the low wages often associated with apprenticeships? Yes. Each case addressed individually according to need

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

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