

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 for:

1. What percentage of your alternative provision (including PRUs) over the financial periods 2000/01 to 2010/11 has been provided by private for profit operators and how much does this equate to in monetary terms?

2009/2010 – 1.34% of the alternative provision was provided by private for profit operators, this equates to 30,077.75 in monetary terms

2010/2011 – 1.21% of the alternative provision was provided by private for profit operators, this equates to 25,163.25 in monetary terms

We retain copies of the previous and current financial year's invoices on site, other years are archived. The accounting system was replaced in April 2009 and prior to that invoices were not scanned. The task of manually sifting through individual invoices for the years requested would well exceed the statutory 18 hour time frame.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for Local Authorities is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

We estimate that it will take us in excess of 2.5 working days to determine appropriate material and locate, retrieve and extract the information in reference to your request. Therefore, your request will not be processed further.

2. What percentage of your alternative provision (including PRUs) over the financial periods 2000/01 to 2010/11 is provided by private not-for-profit operators and how much does this equate to in monetary terms?

Nil response for all years.

3. What percentage of your alternative provision (including PRUs) over the financial periods 2000/01 to 2010/11 is provided by public operators and how much does this equate to in monetary terms?

Nil response for all years.

4. What percentage of your Special Educational Needs provision over the financial periods 2000/01 to 2010/11 has been provided by private for profit operators and how much does this equate to in monetary terms?

% of SEN provision provided by private for-profit operators In monetary terms

2005-06	7.03%	2,119,333
2006-07	8.51%	2,677,839
2007-08	8.14%	2,865,385
2008-09	7.78%	2,848,486
2009-10	7.68%	2,898,892
2010-11	8.32%	3,343,122

5. What percentage of your Special Educational Needs provision over the financial periods 2000/01 to 2010/11 is provided by private not-for-profit operators and how much does this equate to in monetary terms?

% of SEN provision provided by private not-for-profit operators In monetary terms

2005-06	2.39%	719,071
2006-07	2.40%	754,972
2007-08	1.89%	666,705
2008-09	2.01%	737,164
2009-10	1.75%	659,822
2010-11	1.62%	652,292

6. What percentage of your Special Educational Needs provision over the financial periods 2000/01 to 2010/11 is provided by public operators and how much does this equate to in monetary terms?

% of SEN provision provided by public operators In monetary terms

2005-06	90.58%	27,293,846
2006-07	89.08%	28,016,007
2007-08	89.97%	31,674,049
2008-09	90.21%	33,025,350
2009-10	90.57%	34,193,966
2010-11	90.06%	36,199,804

Information prior to 2005 is not available. Leicester City 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, the information is not held.

7. What percentage of your Nursery provision over the financial periods 2000/01 to 2010/11 has been provided by private for profit operators and how much does this equate to in monetary terms?

8. What percentage of your Nursery provision over the financial periods 2000/01 to 2010/11 is provided by private not-for-profit operators and how much does this equate to in monetary terms?

9. What percentage of your Nursery provision over the financial periods 2000/01 to 2010/11 is provided by public operators and how much does this equate to in monetary terms?

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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: foia@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 can also complain to 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 appeals or complaints until the internal appeals and complaints

processes of the public authority which is answering the request have been exhausted. You are therefore advised to complain or appeal to the Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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