

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. I would like to know if Leicester City Council currently outsources direct payments or personal budgets for Adults and/or Children in receipt of Social Care/ Self Directed Support services;**

The Council does not outsource direct payments or personal budgets as such.

The schemes operating in the Adults, and Children & Young People's social care sectors are separate. Whilst our Adults Social Care sector operates both direct payments and personal budgets, Children & Young People's Services currently operates only a direct payments scheme.

There is no outsourcing associated with the Children & Young People's direct payments scheme. However, within the Adults Social Care sector, there are currently 2 contracts associated with direct payments and individual budgets: one for the provision of support to service users who are on direct payments; and the other for the provision of support to service users with individual budgets.

- 2. If any of these services are outsourced:**
 - What is/are the current contract value(s)?**
 - Who is/are the current provider(s)?**
 - What is/are the length of the contract(s), and when is it next up for renewal?**

As stated in our response to your question 1 above, the Children & Young People's Services direct payments scheme is not outsourced.

Please see Appendix A below, for details of the contract value, current provider, contract length and expiry/renewal in respect of each of the 2 contracts associated with Adult Social Care direct payments and individual budgets.

- 3. If these services are not currently outsourced, are there plans to do so? If so, when are they likely to be commissioned?**

There are currently no plans for outsourcing in respect of the Children & Young People's Services scheme. Details of relevant Adults Social Care outsourcing have been provided at Appendix A, in response to your question 2.

4. How many service users currently have a direct payment or personal budget?

The number of Adults Social Care service users in receipt of direct payments or a personal budget was 1,468, as at 31st October 2011.

There are currently 47 young people on our Children & Young People's Service Direct Payments scheme, about 40 of whom are currently actively receiving care. The others are either currently being set up, or are not currently receiving payments due to family circumstances.

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May I apologise for the delay in responding to your request and for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
e-mail: foia@leicester.gov.uk

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700

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Yours sincerely

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Adults Social Care - Outsourcing of Direct Payments and Personal Budgets

Contract for Support to Service Users who are in receipt of Direct Payments

1. The Contract Value is £576,000 over 3 years.
2. Current Provider: Enham
3. The Contract is for 3 years with an option to extend for a further two years thereafter. The 3 year part of the contract concludes 31st March 2012. The Council is yet to make a decision regarding utilising any option to extend.
4. Current service users: 732.

Contract for Support to Service Users with Individual Budgets

The overall aim of the service is to support individual service users to make decisions about their own care and support plan within their indicative individual budget, which is calculated in response to an assessment of need.

1. The Contract Value is £33,536 per annum
2. Current Provider: Mencap
3. The contract is for 1 year with an option to extend for 1 year. The Council is yet to make a decision regarding further procurement of this service.
4. 12 drop-in sessions, 30 support plans, 2 group support networks and 4 events.