

## **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 stated:

As paragraph 129 of the Department of Health guidance *'Prioritising Need in the Context of Putting People First: a whole system approach to eligibility for social care'* makes clear 'The aim of the RAS should be to provide a transparent system for the allocation of resources". In view of this need for transparency, I would be grateful for disclosure of the [requested] information whether contained in the documents specified or otherwise detailed in writing.

**You asked:**

**I would be grateful if you could provide me with all information relating to and/or copies of the following:**

**1. A copy of the Resource Allocation System (RAS) employed by Leicester City Council in respect of adult social care**

Please find attached the following documents, which comprise the adult social care Resource Allocation System used by the authority:

- Appendix A: The Self-Assessment Questionnaire
- Appendix B: The RAS Calculator.

The responses to the Self-Assessment Questionnaire feed into the RAS Calculator. The Self-Assessment Questionnaire represents Leicester City Council's full community Care Assessment, therefore not all of the questions within it affect the indicative RAS allocation.

The RAS Calculator is the calculation tool that is completed by social workers to generate the indicative RAS allocation. A response is selected to each of the questions within the Excel spreadsheet by placing an 'x' in the cell (or selecting an 'x' from the drop down next to each response). Once all questions have been answered, the calculation will appear at the top of the sheet

Please note that Leicester City Council is in the process of revising both the assessment form (Self-Assessment Questionnaire) and the RAS Calculator.

**2. Any Financial or technical reports concerning the working-of the RAS in relation to adult social care.**

Attached at Appendix C is a document titled "The RAS Calculation." This document explains the mathematics that underpin the RAS and which lead to the indicative allocation. Whilst this does not take the form of a formal

[financial or technical report, this is the information that we hold on the technical workings of the RAS.](#)

- 3. The algorithm and related mathematical formulae on which Leicester City Council bases its calculations that are incorporated in the RAS in relation to adult social care. I am particularly interested in the calculations involved in converting assessed care needs into points and then into a monetary value which forms the basis of an individual's direct payments.**

[Please see our response to your question 2 above. The document provided at Appendix C is the information we hold on the technical workings of the RAS.](#)

- 4. Any other documents used by Leicester City Council to implement the RAS, for example self -assessment questionnaires and scoring sheets.**

[Our Self-Assessment questionnaire and RAS Calculator are attached at Appendices A and B respectively, as stated in our response to your question 1 above.](#)

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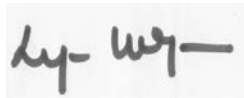
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', is positioned above the typed name.

**Lynn Wyeth**  
**Information Governance Manager**