

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:

Resource allocation in Adult Social Care

- 1. Which of the following best describes your council's approach to resource allocation of personal budgets in adult social care?**
- a) A points-based resource allocation system based on the Common Resource Allocation Framework. If YES, please go to question 2.**
 - b) Another points-based resource allocation system (where individuals are scored using points and an indicative budget is decided on the basis of how many points they score). If YES, please go to question 2.**
 - c) Another type of resource allocation system that is not based on points. If YES, please go to question 3.**
 - d) No resource allocation system in operation. If YES, please go to question 3**

The response which best describes Leicester City Council's approach to resource allocation is (b). It should be noted that whilst we do not use the Common Framework documents themselves, they have heavily influenced the development of the ones that we use. Given the potential range of ways in which resource allocation can take place, the structure of the RAS in Leicester is very similar to that within the Common Framework. However, the wording of questions, the range of responses, the scoring of responses, the carers' questions, and the allocation table are sufficiently different for us to respond (b) rather than (a) to this question.

- 2. If your council operates a points based resource allocation system, please provide the following:**
- a) A copy of the questionnaire used to identify an individuals' score (i.e. the "personal needs questionnaire" or equivalent).**

Attached with this email is The Community Care Assessment Form (the assessment questionnaire, the responses to which are used to generate the RAS allocation). It should be noted that not all of the questions within this form will influence the RAS allocation; questions 1 to 8, and question 14 are the ones that feed into the RAS calculation.

- b) Any documents you have that explain how needs identified in the questionnaire are converted in to points (i.e. the "questionnaire scoring sheet" or equivalent).**

Attached with this email is a copy of the 'questionnaire scoring sheet' showing the points weightings for questions. Also included are notes on how the RAS calculation works, explaining in more detail how the identified needs are converted into points.

c) Details of how the number of points identified in a questionnaire is translated in to a cash amount for the calculation of an indicative personal budget (e.g. in the form of an allocation table or equivalent).

NB. If your council uses different versions of any of the above for different client groups (for example people of different age groups or with differing types of need), please provide details for each client group.

Rather than have a points allocation table, we use a fixed 'price per point' of £4.50. This is simply multiplied by the number of points that result from the calculation.

It should be noted that Leicester City Council does not distinguish between different client groups at any stage of the RAS process.

3. If your council does not operate a points based resource allocation system, please provide details, and any relevant documents, describing how cash amounts for personal budgets are calculated. If this differs for different client groups, please provide details for each client group.

Not applicable.

4. What is the hourly charge made to individuals aged 65+ receiving home care in your Council?

The charge for an hour of home care arranged through Adult Social Care at Leicester City Council is £11.25. This is subject to a financial assessment of a person's ability to afford the level of contribution, under 'Fairer Charging'. A consultation on amending the charging regime for non-residential services ended in November 2011. This included a proposal to charge the full cost for services where a person can afford to pay, which would increase the hourly charge. A decision is awaited from elected members on this, along with the other proposals.

5. What charge is made to older people (aged 65+) per meal received under meals on wheels schemes in your council?

The charge for a mobile meal arranged through Adult Social Care at Leicester City Council is £2.95. This is a fixed charge that is not dependent upon the financial circumstances of the individual recipient.

6. What is the average charge made to older people (aged 65+) for transport to day-care facilities in your council?

No charge is currently made for transport services arranged through Adult Social Care at Leicester City Council.

A consultation on amending the charging regime for non-residential services ended in November 2011. This included a proposal to introduce a charge for transport services. A decision is awaited from elected members on this, along with the other proposals.

7. What (if any) is the maximum amount per week that individuals are expected to contribute per week towards their community care services and/or personal budgets?

The maximum weekly amount that people are asked to contribute towards the cost of their community care services is £203. This is subject to a financial assessment of a person's ability to afford the level of contribution, under 'Fairer Charging'.

A consultation on amending the charging regime for non-residential services ended in November 2011. This included a proposal to remove the maximum weekly contribution. A decision is awaited from elected members on this, along with the other proposals.

The legislation allows you to use the information supplied for your own personal use. Please be aware that any commercial or other use, for example publication, sale, or redistribution may be a breach of copyright under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 as amended unless you obtain the copyright holder's prior permission.

Not all the information that is supplied which is covered by copyright will be the Council's copyright, for example it may be the copyright of a government department or another Council. You should seek either the Council's consent or their consent as appropriate. The Council is willing to advise you of any such potential issues on request. In order to make a request to re-use the information please contact the Information Governance Manager using the details below.

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.

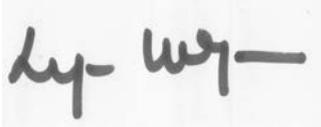
You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Wyeth", written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Lynn Wyeth
Information Governance Manager