

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Respite care/Short breaks

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

1. Please tell me how much funding your local authority received in 2009-10, 2010-11 and how much you are expecting for 2011 - 2012 from Central Government towards respite care/short breaks?

		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
		£	£	£
Question 1	Aiming High for Disabled Children	296,010	931,701	929,200
	Aiming High - Capital	70,080	345,298	176,123
	Direct Payments - Carers	60,000	60,000	
		426,090	1,336,999	1,105,323
Please note that there is no funding for Direct Payments for 2011/12, however spends will be maintained as per previous years (see below).				

2. Please tell me how much on your local authority spent, is spending and intends to spend on providing additional hours and nights of respite care/short breaks in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011 -12?

		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
		£	£	£
Question 2	Aiming High for Disabled Children	296,010	931,701	929,200
	Aiming High - Capital	70,080	345,298	176,123
	Direct Payments - Carers	106,850	62,573	175,000
	Family Link	21,647	13,329	11,200
	Barnes Heath House	825,333	855,267	890,067
	Total	1,319,920	2,208,168	2,181,590

3. Please tell me how many hours of respite care your Local Authority has provided, are providing, intends to provide in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011 - 2012.

		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Question 3	Hours of respite for Barnes Heath House	25056hrs	25298hrs	23290hrs

Please note that we are only able to provide respite hours for Barnes Heath House Children's Home. It is not possible to provide hours of respite care for Direct Payments, Family Link and short breaks/respite provided through Aiming High. This information would require a manual trawl of all case files. Individual

caseworkers would have to check the number of hours of respite care provided for each family on a week by week basis.

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.

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FREEPOST (LE985/33)
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LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
e-mail: FOIA@leicester.gov.uk

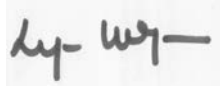
Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

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

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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