

## 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:**

**Under the Freedom of Information Act, I kindly request the following information in relation to day services for adults with a learning disability in your local authority:**

Please note all answers are for adults 18 – 64 and not 65 in line with statutory returns' requirements.

**1) How many adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability were known to social services in a) 2009/10, b) 2010/11 and c) 2011/12?**

All service users with a Primary Client Type of LD, Autistic Spectrum and Aspergers.

a) 991, b) 919, c) 1003 (as of Jan 2012)

**2) How many adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability attended day activities in a) 2009/10, b) 2010/11 and c) 2011/12:**

These answers do not include voluntary services day activities.

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 (to date)
i. 5 days a week or more	134	136	109
ii. 4 days a week	31	28	37
iii. 3 days a week	47	38	34
iv. 2 days a week	50	53	51
v. 1 day a week	60	49	49
vi. 0 days a week?	Voluntary day care is not included		

**3) How many adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability attended the following type of day activities in a) 2009/10, b) 2010/11 and c) 2011/12:**

These answers do not include voluntary services day activities.

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 (up to Jan 2012)
i. day centres	160	145	136
ii. Employment	91	80	94
iii. Education	17	no data	no data
iv. voluntary work	62	55	63
v. other activities?	162	159	144

We do not hold information for Education for the years 2010/11 and 2011/12. Therefore, this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of

the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with this section of the Act, this information is not held by the Council.

**4) How many a) day centre places and b) equivalent day service places for adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability were funded by the local authority in the following financial years:**

- i. 2009/10**
- ii. 2010/11**
- iii. 2011/12;**

Since 2009 to the present day we have two contracts in place for Day Care Service for Adults aged 18-65 with LD.

East Park Activity 1500 places p/a provided over 3 days a week 10 places per day.

Mencap Flexible Day Care 4800 sessions p/a each session is 2.5 hours min of 8 sessions per week over 7 days min 12 places per session.

We also have two further contracts in place for Adults with learning difficulties, a volunteering programme and a supported Employment programme.

The volunteering service promotes community involvement in Social Care & Health in the City of Leicester, helping individuals to develop skills, confidence and a range of abilities. The contract service level agreement is to support 52 adults with learning difficulties in volunteering at any one time, 10,400 hours per year. To provide adults with learning disabilities a real alternative to day care activities by providing access to a range of mainstream volunteering opportunities.

The Employment programme supports and assists 35 adults with learning disabilities to gain and sustain meaningful employment. The Project offers a flexible individualised program of intensive support, for a maximum of 26 weeks.

**and how many do you expect will be funded in iv. 2012/13?**

No changes to funding are planned for 2012/13 although the sector is being consulted during this period which may result in changes in future years.

**5) How many adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability who attended day activities in a) 2009/10, b) 2010/11 and c) 2011/12 lived:**

- i. in the family home**
- ii. in their own home**
- iii. in supported accommodation**
- iv. in residential accommodation?**

It is not possible to provide the information requested. 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 extrapolate the data for the 3 years in question. We would need to trawl through the record of every service user.

**6) If there have been day service closures within the local authority, have any alternative services been put in place for those who attended the day centre; i.e. new learning disability-specific community activities or transport to/from suitable existing day activities?**

Not applicable

**7) If there have been day service closures within the local authority, were consultations held, and if so, what were the consultation periods? Please provide full details (excluding personal/confidential data) of all consultation responses and the resulting statement from the council.**

Not applicable

**8) Have charges for any of the following services increased since 1st April 2009:**

- i. day centre attendance**
- ii. transport to and from day activities**
- iii. any related activities;**

**and if so by how much?**

Charges have not changed since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 – not applicable

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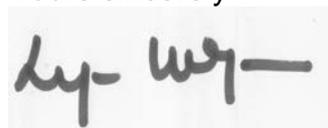
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Yours sincerely

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

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