

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.What was the Council's budget for respite care in 2009, 2010 and 2011?

Disabled Children's Service

2009/10 - £397,000

2010/11 - £943,170

2011/12 - £659,000

2009/10 & 2010/11 Included grants via the Aiming High Programme much of which was used for development and grant funding to providers in the voluntary and independent sectors. All costings include all areas contributing to short break provision i.e. management/development/support to young people and training to providers.

Residential Provision (Barnes Heath House)

2009/10 - 1,131,300

2010/11 - 1,189,200

2011/12 - 1,153,000

Direct Payments

2009/10 - £110,000

2010/11 - £140,000

2011/12 - £175,000

Family Link

2009/10 - £40,500

2010/11 - £28,300

2011/12 - £28,300

2. How many children in the council's area were registered as disabled in 2009, 2010, and 2011?

As at end of December;

2009 - 1265

2010 - 1336

2011 - 1445

3. How many families in the council's locality qualified for respite care in 2009, 2010, and 2011?

Qualification for short breaks is divided into 2 categories a) meet the criteria for statutory services and b) all children and young people with SEN/Additional Needs or disabilities.

Category a as at end of December;

2009 - 126

2010 - 128

2011 - 132

Category b as at end of December;

2009 - 53

2010 - 521

2011 - 366

4. How many of these schemes are day care?

Seven that offer breaks including Local Authority, voluntary and private providers. The Disabled Children's Service supports in the region of 50 providers to deliver short breaks with training, equipment hire or staff.

5. How many of these schemes are day care?

6. How many only offer overnight respite?

All the schemes offer day care with 3 offering a combination dependent on need.

7. What is the average cost of a single night of overnight respite care for one family?

Cost of Local Authority residential overnight costs an average of £450.39

Family Link (Foster Carers) costs an average of £86.00 + any expenses incurred by carers i.e. transport, entrance fees to activities etc.

Private Residential overnights costs an average of £430

Some overnights are provided via Direct Payments with an average 24 hour stay costing £65.00

8. How many children were registered with Special Educational Needs in the council in 2009, 2010, 2011?

2009 – 10,724

2010 – 11,115

2011 – 11,207

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Yours sincerely

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