

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:

Since year 2000 to this year 2011, how many young people from all "looked after children" turned 16 years old.

How many of those turned 16, had Pathway Assessment completed.

How many of those had Pathway Plans completed.

How many of those had their Pathway Plans reviewed 6 monthly?

Please give me the numbers for each year separately.

What actions are currently being taken to ensure that all young people "leaving Care" have their Pathway assessments and Plans as well as reviews are taking place to comply with the Leaving Care Act 2000.

We are unable to provide this information as we do not collate this data. Approximately 40 young people leave care each year, therefore, the period in question would require a manual trawl at least 450 case files. Your request breaches the £450 limit as it would exceed the statutory 18 hour time frame and will not be processed further. This letter acts as a refusal notice under S17 of the Act. You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope. S16.1 of the Act places a duty on the Council to provide advice and assistance to enable you to refine your request so that it falls under the £450 threshold.

It is a statutory requirement that all eligible and relevant young people have a pathway assessment and a pathway plan, and that reviews are taking place in accordance with timescales set out in the legislation, guidance and regulations. Compliance with this is monitored through a range of quality assurance activity - supervision, the LAC review process, case file audits, in house inspections, external/Ofsted inspections, etc.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

Head of Information Governance
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 Head of Information Governance before contacting the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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