

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:

Please inform me as soon as possible if you have conducted a risk assessments/analyses of the impact of local housing allowance caps on primary schools and primary school-aged children and/or on secondary schools and secondary school-aged children in your area.

The majority of Local Housing Allowance caps have not impacted in Leicester. The only cap applied at Leicester was the maximum 4 bed roomed rate. This affected 211 households, of which 96 were lone parents. Leicester contacted all households affected by this cap, offering them a combination of:

- Landlord negotiation to discuss the opportunity to reduce the rental charge
- Debt advice to allow them to manage their finances to afford the shortfall
- Advice on how to claim Discretionary Housing Payments

This activity was as a result of the Equality Impact Assessment Leicester City Council carried out covering the Comprehensive Spending Review which if you follow the link below takes you to the published report.
insite.council.leicester.gov.uk/EasySite/lib/serveDocument.asp?doc=510200&pgid=140033

If you do hold information on the risk posed by caps to local housing allowance to either please could you supply the relevant documents to me via the above email address? If this is not practical, please could you send them to the street address above?

If you hold separate pieces of information on primary and secondary schools, I would like to receive all relevant documents.

Specifically, I would like to know:

a. What percentage of primary school-aged children are at risk of losing their place at primary schools in your area as a result of caps on local housing allowance?

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The risk assessment was not carried out at this level of detail. The Council does not hold this information. Therefore this letter acts as a refusal notice

under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

b. How many surplus places could there be in primary schools in your area as a result of pupils relocating due to caps on local housing allowance?

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c. How much additional demand could there be for primary schools places in your area as a result of pupils relocating due to caps on local housing allowance?

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With regards to admissions generally, there would be no immediate impacts, as a change in address of family does not automatically lead to a change in school. It is down to the family to determine whether they wish to move schools as a result of changing address.

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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

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