

## **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:**

**What was the annual budget for youth services for each of the past three years, and for the coming year? What percentage of your overall children and young people services budget did that equate to?**

3.54m (2012/13), 4.01m (2011/12), 4.1m (2010/11), 4.1 (2009/10) 5% (2012/13), 4.8% (2011/12), 4.6% (2010/11), 4.7% (2009/10).

**Can you please provide your definition of a youth centre used by the local authority?**

A centre that has dedicated space for young people.

**How many youth centres are currently available in your area?**

Sixteen.

**How many of these are funded or partially funded by the local authority?**

All.

**What is the budget for youth centres for each of the past three years, and for the coming year?**

1.8m (2012/13), 1.8m (2011/12), 1.8m (2010/11), 1.8m (2009/10).

**How many of the services available are targeted, i.e. directed at particular issues such as drug abuse or homelessness, and how many are open-access services available to all young people in general?**

All centre based services are both targeted and universal.

**What steps are taken by the authority to involve young people in the planning and delivery of youth centres?**

The Local Authority is currently undertaking a strategic commissioning review of 0-19 services including a locally defined youth offer for activities and interventions. Young people have been fully engaged in the consultation with over 1600 responses from service users and wider stakeholders. The Authority also has an active Young People's Council and Young Advisors Panel who have been involved in Council Scrutiny of the commissioning review including its impact on youth centres.

**Have you conducted a needs assessment for youth services?**

Yes we have completed a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Children and Young People that can be found on the Leicester City Council website.

**If so please include this.**

Please see <http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/council-and-democracy/key-documents/equality-and-diversity/understanding-leicester/joint-strategic-needs-assessment/>

**Are there any partnership involved in the planning and commissioning of youth centres in the local authority?**

Yes.

**Please include a list if there are**

Planning of Youth Centres is part of the wider strategic commissioning review led by the LA and reporting to the local Children's Trust Board. Statutory partners include Health and Education (Schools).

**Have you opened any new youth services in the last 12 months particularly in response to last summer riots?**

No new youth services were 'opened' however a detailed programme of diversionary activities was provided throughout the period of the disorder in August 2011.

**What services do you currently provide to support patients to reduce their alcohol intake, or their consumption of illegal drugs?**

New directions – Children and young people's drug and alcohol service delivering interventions for young people. Covers all tiers of treatments – partnership management arrangements are between Leicestershire Partnership Trust (LPT) and Leicestershire communities projects trust charity (LCPT).

LCPT – Adult services for alcohol provision. Mainly tier 1 and 2 interventions for clients who can be referred either by a doctor or other service, or self-referral. This service offers a drop in service and also does brief interventions and some extended brief interventions too. This service also offers a referral on process to a tier 3 service if alcohol consumption is hazardous or the drinker is dependent upon alcohol and needs clinical interventions. This service does also offer a needle exchange program and alternative therapy such as acupuncture.

Drug and alcohol team Paget house run by LPT – Tier 3 and 4 service that offers clinical and psychosocial interventions for drug and alcohol users. For example, BBV treatments, methadone prescribing, access to therapy, needle exchange etc.

Quality of Life team (QoL) run by probation– A service that provides a recovery orientated approach to drug and alcohol use, with a variety of support service including AA, NA, parenting programs, a gym, job centre plus support etc.

**Which, if any, of these services utilize a ‘whole family’ approach to reducing drug or alcohol consumption?**

None of the above services currently takes a Whole Family approach to treatment.

**Which, if any, of these programmes are open to self-referral?**

LCPT and the Quality of Life team.

**Do you provide any services designed to reduce alcohol or drug consumption in expecting parents or those who have a child under 2 years old?**

No, although there is a specialist midwife provision at Paget House with links to University Hospitals Leicester (UHL).

**Are you a member of any partnership or group designed to reduce consumption of alcohol/drug consumption?**

Yes. The Alcohol delivery group meets every 8 weeks and is designed specifically to work on Alcohol harm reduction across the city. It is themed into groups of treatment, community safety, prevention, communications and children and young people and students.

**Do you provide any parenting classes which include specific material on alcohol or substance abuse, or any alcohol or substance abuse support programmes which include parenting information?**

The QoL team do run a parenting program called DAFs. There are some groups running as precursors to the creation of an established parenting group at the moment. These are running in Paget House, and the other is running in partnership with QoL team, parenting manager and UHL. They are also taking in to consideration the current initiatives around the troubled families’ agenda.

**Do you operate any screening services to identify children/families who may be affected by alcohol/substance abuse?**

The only mechanism for this currently in place is the common assessment framework. The data recording system at Paget house will note down if someone is a parent so data is available.

**If so, where do these services operate (e.g. in schools, children’s centres etc.)?**

Integrated Youth Support Centres for 13-19 via CAF screening.

**Do you produce an audit/analysis of alcohol/drug consumption in your area? If so, please provide this audit.**

Please see link at: <http://www.phleicester.org.uk/documents.htm>

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