

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:

I would like to request the following information:-

Dr George Hibbert is a psychiatrist who has been contracted by a number of UK councils to undertake parenting assessments of families involved with social services.

Usually this arrangement would have been agreed between all four parties involved in the legal proceedings – CAFCASS, the local authority, the family and the court, and the resulting cost split four ways between these parties.

Please could you provide the following information for each of the last ten years, individually for each year (financial year or calendar year is fine, whichever is more convenient)–

1.

How many families were referred to Dr George Hibbert, and/or his Assessment centre, Assessment in Care (otherwise known as Windmill House or Tadpole Cottage in Blunsdon, near Swindon) by your social services department?

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What were the ages of children referred to Dr George Hibbert, and/or his Assessment centre, Assessment in Care (otherwise known as Windmill House or Tadpole Cottage in Blunsdon, near Swindon) by your social services department?

Not applicable

3.a)

What was the total amount paid by your Council to Dr George Hibbert, and/or his Assessment centre, Assessment in Care (otherwise known as Windmill House or Tadpole Cottage in Blunsdon, near Swindon) for each of those years?

Not applicable

b) Did the council pay the total bill for his services and if not, please specify what proportion of the money was paid by the council (eg one third, half, one quarter, etc.)

Not applicable

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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.

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Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

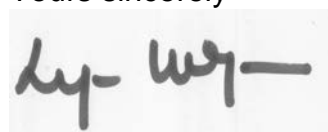
Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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Yours sincerely



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