

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:

This is an email regarding Details of Direct payments support contract. In the interest of fair Competition for the future tendering of contracts regarding the direct payments support scheme, could you confirm there is a contract and disclose the terms.

Including if possible:

The period of the contract with your council, including start and end dates.

The contract is for period 01/04/09 – 31/03/12. Contract extension agreed to cover period 01/04/12 – 31/03/14.

The annual amount awarded for the contracts each year, for the duration of the contract.

Direct Payments Support Service Funding				
2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014
177,588	190,207	236,768	**242,853	**242,853

Third Party Support Service Funding				
2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014
3,737	5,272	12,775	**30,000	**30,000

** Please note these figures could be subject to change depending on uptake

The targets agreed with the provider and methods of monitoring their performance against such targets.

Initially to provide Direct Payments Support Service to 325 core individuals and Third Party Support Service to 100 core individuals. Over the duration of the contract, these numbers have increased.

The nature of the services they provide and a breakdown of payments associated with each service.

Please see attached document

Methods / volumes / practices that will trigger an increase in the funding levels and which (if any) of these triggers have been achieved.

Please see tables below to highlight triggers in funding levels. Triggers for both Direct Payments Support Service and Third Party Support Service have been achieved.

Direct Payments Support Service

Volume	Payment Triggered When Volume Reached
325	325
326 - 385	356
386 - 445	416
446 - 505	476
506 - 565	536
566 - 625	596
626 - 685	656
686 - 745	716
746 - 805	776
806 - 865	836
866 - 925	896
926 - 985	956

Third Party Support Service

Volume	Payment Triggered When Volume Reached
100	100
101 - 125	113
126 - 150	138
151 - 175	163
176 - 200	188
201 - 225	213
226 - 250	238
251 - 275	263
276 - 300	288
301 - 325	313
326 - 350	338
351 - 400	363

Please note, the above trigger for Third Party Support Service will not be applicable for 2012/13 & 2013/14 duration of contract.

And finally please also detail any increase in the funding paid or agreed since the last tendering process and reasons for this.

As part of the contract extension from 01/04/12 – 31/03/14, it was agreed there would be no inflationary increase for this period although Leicester City Council would pay £1.17 per service user per week up to a maximum of 750 for the Third Party Support Service.

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