

## **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 know how much the council has spent (budget wise) on the following services for the last four financial years (2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012 budget)**

**Sexual and domestic violence**

**Abortion**

**Specialist violence against women services rape crisis centres refuge centres domestic violence outreach ethnic minority women trafficked women and women in prostitution sexual assault referral centres**

**If possible, I would like both the lump budget sum for 'women's services' and the amount that's been spent for the specific services listed.**

To respond to your request we would need to contact each non-profit, charity, community organisation, social enterprise or voluntary organisation (over 350) and establish if services were targeted at or primarily used by women/men or men and women respectively.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for local government is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending more than 18 hours in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

This is therefore a Refusal Notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act, because under the provisions of section 12.1 of the Act, the Council estimates that to comply with your request in its current form will exceed the appropriate limit.

You may wish to contact the individual charity, community organisation, social enterprise or voluntary organisation directly, details are published on our website, please use the attached link. The document you require is under the Finance section: Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise Grants. This provides details of contracts across all services. It also provides the start and end date of each contract and the annual value.

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/about-us/data/#Finance>

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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: [info-requests@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:info-requests@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](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)

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