

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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I kindly request the following information on eligibility for children's services (for the purposes of this request, 'children's services' relates to those referenced in Section 17 of the Children's Act 1989):

1) Does your local authority use eligibility criteria to determine qualification for services for children?

It uses a thresholds document (attached) in addition to professional skills and judgement and the assessment framework to determine eligibility according to an assessed level of need.

2) If your local authority does use eligibility criteria to determine qualification for services for children:

i. when were they implemented?

November 2011.

ii. were consultations held around introducing them and, if so, what was the consultation period?

Between December 2010 and October 2011.

iii. please provide details of the eligibility criteria

Please see attached document.

3) If your local authority does not use eligibility criteria to determine qualification for services for children, by what criteria do you determine a child's eligibility for such services?

Not applicable.

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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

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Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

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