

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:

- 1. Do you fund support to enable users to attend leisure and social activities as part of the daily living component of your direct payments support to disabled people over the age of 16?**

Adult Services

Yes we do fund support for service users to attend leisure and social activities as part of the daily living component of Direct Payment (DP) and/or Personal Budget (PB) to service users aged 18 years and over.

Children's Services

Direct Payments are available to young people (up to and including 19 if still in full time statutory education) who meet the criteria for the Disabled Children's Team and are assessed as needing this service. The DPs are to be used to facilitate short breaks for the young people. The main criteria are that the young person is permanently and substantially disabled

- 2. If you do fund this please provide a yearly breakdown of how many users received the funding outlined in question (1) during this year to date, during 2011-2012 and during 2010-2011?**

For Adult services please see the table below.

The figure for the Children and Young People's Service is as follows:

2010-2011 users 32

2011-2012 users 61

Predicted users for this financial year are 100

These figures reflect children of all ages, not just over 16.

- 3. For each of the years listed in question (2) please provide a breakdown of the categories of activity the funding was used to support.**

Adults Services

This is recorded on our system under the component of service Day care/Day Services.

Children's Services

The funds are used for short breaks for the young people. We give the money to parents who largely purchase hours for a carer to accompany the young person to the activity of their choice that will provide a

meaningful and enjoyable short break. The Council does not hold this information. Therefore this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

4. For each of the years listed in question (2) please provide a breakdown of the number of users from each disability category who accessed direct payments or individual budgets funding for support with accessing leisure and/or social activities.

Adult Services

The tables below provides the number of service users, aged 18 years and over, who received Day care/Day Services as part of a DP and or PB in the respective years by Primary Client Type

Service users in receipt of Day Care/Day Services as part of their DP and/or PB by Primary Client Type

<u>Primary Client Type</u>	<u>1/4/10 to 31/3/11</u>	<u>1/4/11 to 31/3/12</u>	<u>1/4/12 to 31/7/12</u>
Physical Disability	341	461	558
Mental Health	87	290	336
Learning Disability	167	308	345
Substance misuse	0	1	1
Vulnerable People	2	4	7
<u>Total</u>	<u>597</u>	<u>1064</u>	<u>1247</u>

Children's Services

We do not record categories of care. All of our young people have multiple and complex needs. We do not operate 'categories' of disability, but offer care and support on an holistically assessed, person centred basis, looking at the overall needs of the person rather than their specific disability. The Council does not hold this information. Therefore this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

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Information Governance Manager

Information and Support

Leicester City Council

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