# Freedom of Information Request

## Occupational Therapy Assessments

We’re interested in the number of staff employed to carry out occupational therapy type assessments, how many they do and how they are managed.

The information will be used as part of new guidance on the assessment process.

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| 1. Name of Local Authority | Leicester City Council |
| 2. Number of FTE Occupational Therapists (OTs) employed or engaged by the Local Authority to carry out assessments under the Care Act or strength-based assessments? | 18 |
| 3. Number of FTE Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTAs), Trusted Assessors (TAs), or similar employed or engaged by the Local Authority to carry our assessments under the Care Act or strength-based assessment? | 17 |
|  | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 |
| 4. Number of assessments carried out per year by staff from questions 2 & 3 | Dec 2019 – March 2020 =**374** | **2140** | **2055**April 2022 – September 2022 = **812****Total = 2867** |
| 5. Number of assessments (from question 4) identifying equipment or minor adaptations per year | Dec 2019 – March 2020 **- 212 Equipment**Dec 2019 – March 2020 **- 101 Minor Adaptations** | **1502 Equipment****719** | **1438**April 2022-September 2022=**529****Total = 1,967 Equipment****777**April 2022 – September 2022 – 310**Total = 1087 Minor Adaptations** |
| 6. Number of assessments (from question 4) identifying major adaptations for referral for a DFG per year | Dec 2019 – March 2020**62** | **400** | **468**April 2022 – September 2022 **– 236****Total = 704** |
|  | As of 31/03/20 | As of 31/03/21 | As of 31/03/22 |
| 7. Number of people on a waiting list for an assessment by an OT/OTA/TA | Information not available | Information not available  | As of 05/10/22 – **1,187** |
| 8. Please list/describe the types of adaptations that can be recommended by an Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) | Can prescribe Major adaptations but these require approval by a senior OTCan prescribe and request minor adaptationsCan prescribe and issue equipment (special equipment requires approval by a senior OT) |
| 9. Please list/describe the types of adaptations that can be recommended by a Trusted Assessor (TA) | Minor adaptations (grab rails, stair rails, settee and chair raisers) |
| 10. What is your current mean average waiting time length for an assessment by an OT/OTA/TA. If you have a priority system, please indicate mean average wait for each priority | 10 months |
| 11. What is the percentage of assessments made by an OT/OTA/TA recommending a DFG that are taken to a panel meeting or similar | We do not take DFGs to a panel meeting or similar |
| 12. Can private/independent occupational therapists (or other assessors), refer directly for a DFG without need for further social care assessment? | Yes |