



Freedom of Information Officer

**Using data from 2007-8 you have stated that 15% of the total adult care budget is spent on community/home care, and 34% on residential care. Please could you tell me what the remaining 51% of the adult social care budget is spent on?**

2007/08 Budget (gross or expenditure)

Direct Residential	39.8%
Direct Community	24.0%
Assessment/Strategy	25.5%
Indirect Residential	1.2%
Indirect Community	0.9%
Other Adult Services	3.1%
Older People Services	2.9%
Adults with Disab/Vuln etc.	2.6%

It is noted that budget information is not usually presented in this format or to this split and that some data analysis was required. These figures reflect allocation of particular service areas to either Residential or Community where they predominantly fit into that category. The earlier FOI release of percentages was based on a different allocation and the current approach is considered to be a step forward and to more accurately represent the service split.

Care in the community would cover such issues as day care, supported living, meals at home, in addition to home support and home care, which just relate to the provision of care at home.

**What are the amounts available for providing adult social care for 2009-2010? How much of this is expected to be spent on providing personalised budgets and Direct payments? What percentage of total spend is this?**

The net budget for 2009/10 for adult social care is £292,579,537 including Direct Payments £12,554,600 (4.3%). It is estimated that the spend on Personalised Budgets will be approx £15m (5%).

**The recent Overview and Scrutiny report (Nov. 2008) stated that 4,000 fewer people received any care from BCC in 2007 compared to 2000 how do BCC plan to address this issue?**

Awaiting further information from applicant to clarify this question since the report and the figure quoted cannot be found on Birmingham City Council's scrutiny database available via [www.birmingham.gov.uk/democracy](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/democracy) nor on the Scrutiny report of 4 November 2008

**The average waiting time for adaptations is currently 58 weeks: what is the longest waiting time and do BCC have plans to reduce this waiting time to a more acceptable timescale?**

The Housing Directorate reports that waiting times for adaptations can vary according to customers situations and commitments (eg: a stay in hospital for an operation, out of country etc) which result in delays in carrying out work which are beyond the local authority's control. Birmingham City Council faces enormous demand for adaptations and prior to service improvements introduced in 2006; this led to a backlog for non-urgent adaptation requests approximately 3 years

following a referral from Adults and Communities and before allocation for provision.

Service improvement plans have enabled this backlog to be dealt with and waiting times are falling year-on-year. A very small number of remaining cases from the former backlog were completed last year and of these the longest was 213 weeks. Such cases were very much the expectation and imply that there may have been client circumstances protracting the time scale. As a result of the continual service improvement process, average timescales continue to fall and had reduced to 47 weeks in the second half of 2008/9 with the removal of figures for former backlog cases, average times for new referrals were circa 36 weeks in the year.