

Our ref: **NIC-45776-SH5GW**

7th May 2010

Dear Mr Bacon,

Re: Information Request – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I can confirm that the NHS Information Centre for Health and Social Care (NHS IC) has considered your query dated the 8th April 2010.

"I would like to obtain a copy of all the information returned by Councils with Adult Social Services Responsibilities (CASSRs) as part of the Information and Guidance on the Grant Funded Services collection (GFS1).

For each local authority I would like to have the information contained in columns A-P (as arranged in proforma V1.4). These are all the columns except the 'Comments'. Please also include the local authority code for each scheme.

Please provide this information for the most recent period available.

If there is a choice between a 'cleaned' and 'raw' set of the information I would prefer the former.

Ideally I would like this data provided in a single spreadsheet or database."

Thank you for your enquiry. I am writing to inform you that the NHS Information Centre is considering if an exemption applies to some of the information requested. The exemption being considered is the 'Commercial interests' exemption, specifically Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

This exemption requires The NHS IC to consider whether or not it is in the public interest to release the information. This is currently being assessed and in such circumstances The NHS IC is entitled to extend the 20 working day time limit set out in the Act by a reasonable timescale.

I estimate that we will be able to make a decision by the 7th June 2010. I will write to you as soon as possible advising you of the NHS IC's decision.

We are investigating providing you with the following data, please indicate if this would answer your request:

Column in Data Entry GFS1 Proforma Sheet	Field Description
A	Scheme number
D	Services Provided
E	If the scheme is mainly intended for ethnic minorities
H	Did this scheme operate during the survey week? (Y/N/Unknown)
M	The main needs of the 18-64 clients
O	Is the scheme funded in part by another LA as well as your own?
P	Basis of figures for this scheme

We can also provide an aggregated total at council level of the following fields entered on the data entry form.

Column in Data Entry GFS1 Proforma Sheet	Field Description
F	Total 2008-09 revenue funding provided to organisation by this authority for this scheme (£) - From social services budgets
G	Total 2008-09 revenue funding provided to organisation by this authority for this scheme (£) - From other council budgets
I	Total numbers reported in each scheme by the voluntary organisation as receiving services during the survey week – Age 18 to 64
J	Total numbers reported in each scheme by the voluntary organisation as receiving services during the survey week – Age 65 and over
K	Total numbers reported in each scheme by the voluntary organisation as receiving services during the survey week – Carers (any age)
L	Total numbers reported in each scheme by the voluntary organisation as receiving services during the survey week – Other (age unknown)

If you believe the above data will assist you please let us know via the contact details at the top of this letter and we will endeavour to provide this to you as soon as possible is possible.

If you have any queries or should you wish to make a complaint about the manner in which your request is processed, then please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address in the first instance. Any complaints will be investigated in accordance with The Information Centre's complaints procedure.

I hope that this response meets your request for information. However, if you are not satisfied, you may request a review from a suitably qualified member of staff not involved in the initial query, via the xxxxxxxx@xx.xxx.xe mail address or by post at the above postal address.

I will assume that your request to the organisation is now closed.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Shippen
Higher Information Governance Officer

Further information about your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act is available from the Information Commissioner's Office, Wilmslow, Cheshire, and on The Information Commissioner's website www.ico.gov.uk.