

Dear Mr Taylforth

Adult Social Care

Thank you for your request for information, which has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. The information you requested is provided below.

1. "Please could you provide information as to the main differences in the type of care that is funded by the council under FAC criteria and the type of care which has been funded by the Independent Living Fund (ILF)? (Could you perhaps highlight things that LA Care packages would not usually cover that ILF would or visa versa)."

FAC is an English local authority tool. It is not used in Edinburgh, where we have agreed eligibility criteria. These criteria do not include any specification regarding ILF. The ILF's criteria state that funds cannot be used to purchase local authority day care. ILF is viewed as part of the overall care package to support people, and as required the Council contributes to the funding.

2. "Please could you provide the numbers of care packages, which include overnight care. If possible, can you provide this for the past 5 years, and also if possible, can you show which of these are jointly funded with ILF or just LA funded."

Overnight domiciliary care

	Council Provision	Voluntary or Independent Provision	ILF Recipients
March 2009	53	19	
March 2010	61	25	
March 2011	53	25	
March 2012	64	27	3
November 2012	76	26	3

3. "Please could you provide information on the number of LA funded care visits, which last for 30 minutes or less, expressed in percentage or numerical terms of all care visits."

In September 2012, 41,887 of local authority funded visits were for fewer than 30 minutes. This represents 68.6% of the total.

4. "Please could you provide information of any projected reduction in budget within Adult Social care over the next 5 years and indeed details of any reduction in budget over the last 2 years."

The budget efficiencies for the last 2 financial years (all figures to the nearest £1,000) are:

2010-11	£5,848,000
2011-12	£6,679,000

The efficiency saving for this current financial year, 2012-13, is £4,608,000.

The projected efficiency saving for 2013-14 (which was agreed as part of the budget process last year) is £2,439,000. The Council has yet to agree the budget for next year.

Although the required budget efficiencies have been achieved in the last two years, there has been no overall net reduction in the Health and Social Care budget, due to additional investment of £8,816,000 in 2009-10 and £14,236,000 in 2011-12.

Please note that this letter constitutes a formal refusal notice for all information not held by the Council under section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Your right to seek a review:

If you are unhappy with the way we have dealt with your request, you can ask us to review our actions and decisions by writing to the Head of Legal, Risk & Compliance, The City of Edinburgh Council, Waverley Court Business Centre 3:1, 4, East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8BG or email: xxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx

Please note that your request must be in a recordable format (email, letter, audio tape etc.), and that you have 40 working days upon receipt of this letter to ask for a review. You will receive a full response to your review request within 20 working days of its receipt. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you can ask the Scottish Information Commissioner to review our decision. You must submit your

complaint to the Commissioner within 6 months of receiving our review response. The Commissioner can be contacted at:

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