



Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information Disclosure Notice

Request Reference: 15682
Date: 07 February 2020

Subject: Arrangements for independent advocacy

Your request:

We would like to request information on which (if any) services you commission to provide Independent Advocacy for people accessing support in the following processes in your area:

- s117 aftercare (under the Mental Health Act)
- Continuing Health Care (CHC)
- Continuing Care
- personal wheelchair budgets
- personal health budgets

Q1. Could you provide details of any service(s) you commission to provide Independent Advocacy Support to adults and children or young people receiving aftercare support under section 117 of the Mental Health Act?

Q2. Could you provide details of any service(s) you commission to provide Independent Advocacy Support to people going through Continuing Health Care processes (adult) or Continuing Care (children)?

Q3. Could you provide details of any service(s) you commission to provide Independent Advocacy Support to people accessing personal wheelchair budgets?

Q4. Could you provide details of any service(s) you commission to provide Independent Advocacy Support to people accessing or using personal health budgets processes (both adult and children)?

We would be grateful if you could tell us which services are commissioned.

And lastly we would be grateful if you could indicate the budget allocated for any of the above types of advocacy?

Our response:

East Northamptonshire Council does not hold the information you have requested. The Northamptonshire County Council are responsible for this service.

We have dealt with this request in accordance with the Code of Guidance issued by the Minister for the Cabinet Office under Part 3, Section 45 of the Act. Section 2 of the Code of Guidance set out the duty for public authorities to provide reasonable advice and

assistance to applicants requesting information'. Sub section 11 & 12 set out specific guidance relating to transferring requests for information;

2.11 There will be occasions when a public authority is not able to comply with a request (or to comply with it in full) because it does not hold the information requested.

2.12 In most cases where a public authority does not hold the information, but thinks that another public authority does, they should respond to the applicant to inform them that the requested information is not held by them, and that it may be held by another public authority. The public authority should, as best practice where they can, provide the contact details for the public authority they believe holds the requested information.

As per the code of guidance we have provided details for the public authority who hold the information you have requested below.

Please use the link provided, directing you to the FOI page on their website which contains contact details:

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/council-and-democracy/transparency/information-policies/Pages/freedom-of-information.aspx>