

FOI 005399 - Use of direct payments - Response shown in bold

Could you provide any data you hold regarding what direct payments are specifically being used for by users?

The more comprehensive and specific this list is, the better. For example, data showing DPs being used for a gym membership would be more useful and insightful than data showing DPs being used for "leisure activities" which would be too broad and nonspecific.

If you require dates to extract this data could you extract it from the last five financial years as follows:

- 2018-2019
- 2019-2020
- 2020-2021
- 2021-2022
- 2022-2023

I appreciate that this data might be quite vast. If this is the case then please prioritise all types of direct payments which are NOT used for personal assistants. This should adequately refine your search to a more manageable size.

I am interested only on in adult social care.

Although we hold this information, it is not readily available.

We have estimated that the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate limit' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. It is estimated that it would cost more than £450 (18 hours) to comply with your request.

**We have estimated that the total length of time required to complete this request. There are currently 3,027 people in receipt of a direct payment. To interrogate each individual record to search for any relevant recording about the detail of the spend would take approximately 20 minutes per record.
3,027 x 20 minutes = 60,540 minutes = 1,009 hours**

Therefore, we are unable to complete your request on this occasion.

If you narrow the scope of your request, we may be able to provide the information to you because it would cost less than the 'appropriate limit' to do so, although we cannot guarantee this will be the case. Any reformulated request we receive will be treated as a new FOI request.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this document acts as a refusal notice under Section 17 of the Act and an exemption under Section 12 of the Act is being applied.