

**Our Reference:** FOI/961

30<sup>th</sup> August 2022

**Paul Warner**  
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Dear Paul Warner,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ENQUIRY: Devolved Adult Education Budget**

Thank you for your email of 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2022 requesting the following information:

*Please could you provide the following information for the last year for which the data is available:*

*Allocations for devolved Adult Education Budget (AEB):*

- *Grant-funded*
- *Procured*
- *Total*

*Outturn expenditure for devolved AEB:*

- *Grant-funded*
- *Procured*
- *Total*

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('The Act').

I can confirm that West Yorkshire Combined Authority ("The Combined Authority") holds information covered by your request. However, in assessing the information you have requested as it is currently framed, we have concluded that disclosure of some of the information you have requested is subject to a partial refusal under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you have requested for question 1 of your request, fall under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which states that, information that is accessible by other means and is not subject to release. Therefore, as the information you have requested is already made readily available on our website, it is exempt from disclosure.

The Combined Authority can confirm that we have on our website information about Allocations for devolved Adult Education Budget. There you would be able to find all the

information you need and more concerning the points you raised. You can access the information by using the link provided below:

<https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/growing-the-economy/business-and-skills/adult-education-budget/>

Further information can also be found using the link below:

<https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/media/7266/wyca-allocations.pdf>

In relation to Questions 2, the outturn expenditure for devolved AEB are as follows, it should be noted that these figures are provided as accurate up until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022, based on evidenced claims.

- Grant-funded - £39,231,131
- Procured - £11,414,335
- Total - £50,645,466

Furthermore, the full outturn will not be known until November after the reconciliation of the final claims from the providers. A full report on the usage of funds will be made to the Employment and Skills committee, with papers published in due course at the link below:

<https://westyorkshire.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=224>

I trust the above is to your satisfaction. However, if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF

**Telephone:** 0303 123 1113/01625 545745

**Website:** [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

For your information, there is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely,

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