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Dear Ms Atkins

### Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your information request. We do hold some of the information you have requested and our answers are detailed below your questions.

1. How many working-age adults (aged 18-64) with a learning disability had the care and support hours allocated in their care package reduced in:

- a. 2018/19
- b. 2017/18
- c. 2016/17
- d. 2015/16
- e. 2014/15

Please include in your answers both those who are part and fully local authority funded. Please include in your answer care and support hour reductions where the reduction relates to a reduction in the care worker ratio (e.g. where 1:1 hours have been changed to shared hours). Please exclude those who stopped receiving a package for the reason 'deceased'.

2. How many working-age adults (aged 18-64) with a learning disability had the monetary value of their care package reduced in:

- a. 2018/19
- b. 2017/18
- c. 2016/17
- d. 2015/16
- e. 2014/15

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3. How many working age adults (aged 18-64) had the care and support hours allocated in their care package reduced in:

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**With regard to questions 1-4, Sefton Council does not record this information and so we are unable to provide an answer.**

5. How many complaints about adult social care for people with a learning disability has the council received in the following years?

a. 2018/19

b. 2017/18

c. 2016/17

d. 2015/16

e. 2014/15

**We do not presently record information by specific categories and so are unable to provide an answer to this question.**

6. How many complaints about adult social care has the council received in the following years?

**a. 2018/19 - 99**

**b. 2017/18 - 146**

**c. 2016/17 - 136**

**d. 2015/16 - 211**

**e. 2014/15 - 121**

7. Has the council made any cuts to the funding of social care services for adults with a learning disability in the following years? If so, for each year please tell us the how much funding has been cut by.

a. 2018/19

b. 2017/18

c. 2016/17

d. 2015/16

e. 2014/15

**There have been no specific cuts aimed at the Learning Disability group, budget has increased year on year despite ASC having to achieve general savings over the years.**

**Gross Expenditure Budget for Learning Disabilities £M**

**a. 2018/19 = £33.7**

**b. 2017/18 = £32.4**

**c. 2016/17 = £32.3**

**d. 2015/16 = £29.3**

**e. 2014/15 = £29.3**

8. How many safeguarding concerns has the council received in the following years about adults with a learning disability?

**a. 2018/19 - 162**

**b. 2017/18 - 66**

**c. 2016/17 - 1"**

**d. 2015/16 - 0"**

**e. 2014/15 - 0"**

9. How many safeguarding enquiries (including, but not limited to, Section 42 enquiries) has the council received in the following years about adults with a learning disability?

**a. 2018/19 - 40**

**b. 2017/18 - 35**

**c. 2016/17 - 33**

**d. 2015/16 - 14**

**e. 2014/15 - 1**

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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

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