

Reference: 14337082
Date: 10 February 2020

Dear Juliet Atkins

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000

We write in reference to your Freedom of Information request in which you asked for;

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I kindly request the following information on social care support (as set out in Section 8 of the Care Act 2014) and funding for the purposes of social care support for working age adults with a learning disability in your local authority area.

Where questions refer to 'learning disability', please include individuals with 'learning disability' as their primary support reason.

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*

Please include in your answers both those who are part and fully local authority funded. Please exclude those who stopped receiving a package for the reason 'deceased'.

3. How many working age adults (aged 18-64) 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'.

4. How many working-age adults (aged 18-64) 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*

Please include in your answers both those who are part and fully local authority funded. Please exclude those who stopped receiving a package for the reason 'deceased'.

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*

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

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

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*

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

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

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*
- b. 2017/18*
- c. 2016/17*
- d. 2015/16*
- e. 2014/15*

I am writing to confirm that we have now considered your request and calculate that to provide you with this information would exceed the cost threshold as set out in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit.

The limit has been specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 which for public authorities the appropriate limit is £450. This represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 3 1/2 working days in determining whether the Department holds the information and locating, retrieving and extracting it. In these circumstances, we are not obliged under the Act to comply with your request.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act we have a duty to provide reasonable advice and assistance as to how you may refine your request so that we can provide information within the time limit. In this instance if you were to ask for questions 6, 8 and 9 we can provide parts of this information.

Internal Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request then you have a right under Section 50 of the Act to request an internal review. All such requests must be sent to us within 8 weeks and must clearly state your reference number and your reason for your request for an internal review.

We will respond to your request for an internal review within 20 working days of receipt. Your request for an internal review should be sent by email to foi@lbbd.gov.uk quoting your FOI reference number.

Information Commissioners Office

Should you remain dissatisfied with the final outcome of the internal review then you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner (the "ICO") for an independent review. The ICO is the Government's Independent Body responsible for overseeing the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 1998 and The Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Please note the ICO will only review cases that have exhausted the council's internal review procedure. All correspondence to the ICO must quote the council's reference number and your reasons for your appeal. The ICO's contact details are as follows;

The Information Commissioners Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane, Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

More information can be found at the ICO's website at <http://www.ico.org.uk> If you have any further enquiries about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing foi@lbbd.gov.uk

We trust you find the above to be satisfactory but should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

The FOI Team