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Dear Juliet,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the Communities Directorate has now completed its search for the information which you requested by e-mail on 13 January 2020.

Your questions and my findings are below:-

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'.

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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 - 19**

- b. 2017/18 - 18
- c. 2016/17 - 21
- d. 2015/16 – information not held
- e. 2014/15 – information not held

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’.

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4. How many working-age adults (aged 18-64) had the monetary value of their care package reduced in:

- a. 2018/19 - 41
- b. 2017/18 - 43
- c. 2016/17 - 41
- d. 2015/16 – information not held
- e. 2014/15 – information not held

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 - 54

*This data is contained within the total number of complaints received for the business unit these services sat within during the year of reporting. Without reviewing each years data I am unable to say if this was adult social care (and therefore contained in the figure above) or communities/provider services.

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

- a. 2018/19 - 29
- b. 2017/18 - 31
- c. 2016/17 - 36
- d. 2015/16 - 31
- e. 2014/15 - 27

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

No funding cuts or savings have been implemented in these years against the Learning Disability budgets

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

- a. 2018/19 - 213
- b. 2017/18 - 168
- c. 2016/17 - 94
- d. 2015/16 - 121
- e. 2014/15 - 68

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

Details of the Adult Safeguarding activity for the five years requested as reported by councils in England is available on the NHS Digital website in the Adult Social Care Analytical Hub specifically under Safeguarding Adults Collection

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Cathryn Copley on (01226) 787743. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

Barnsley MBC
Customer Feedback, Information & Improvement Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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:-

Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
website address: <http://www.ico.org.uk>

Yours sincerely



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