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Dear Ms Alltimes

Re: Your request for information: Ref No. 202738

Thank you for your request for information that was received on 30 January 2012. Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay and any inconvenience occasioned in providing this response. You requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I kindly request the following information on spending on adult social care services in your local authority:

1) What was the net expenditure for a) all adult social care and b) social care for adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability for the following financial years:

- i. 2007/08
- ii. 2008/09
- iii. 2009/10
- iv. 2010/11;

and what were the agreed budget figures for v. 2011/12?

2) What was the gross expenditure for a) all adult social care and b) social care for adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability as percentages of the council's total expenditure for the following financial years:

- i. 2007/08
- ii. 2008/09
- iii. 2009/10
- iv. 2010/11;

and as percentages of the agreed budget figures for v. 2011/12?

3) How much a) gross and b) net funding for all adult social care has been allocated in the 2012/13 draft budget:

- i) in cash terms
- ii) as a percentage of the total draft budget?

4) How much a) gross and b) net funding for social care for adults aged 18-65 with a learning disability has been allocated in the 2012/13 draft budget:

- i) in cash terms
- ii) as a percentage of the total draft budget?

Budget details for departments and their divisions together with other resource details are in the public domain. In particular please see Health & Community Services, pages 172-174 (2009/2010 budget book) available on the Southwark website at:

http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/10016/key_documents/520/budget_book

Similarly for the other years the information will be contained under the same heading as above.

With reference to the Budget Book, please note that we only have recorded information from 2009/10 onwards.

Other useful information is also contained in the Council's Annual Statement of Accounts download at:

http://www.southwark.gov.uk/downloads/download/305/statement_of_accounts

Under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, information reasonably accessible to an applicant, the Council is not obliged to provide this information.

Section 21 is one of the absolute exemptions under the Act and we are not therefore required to carry out the public interest test.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make an appeal for a review of our decision, you should write to the Corporate Freedom of Information Officer

Corporate Freedom of Information Officer
The Governance Team (2nd floor)
PO Box 64529'
London
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Email: accessinfo@southwark.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome your appeal, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted our internal appeal procedure and you should contact him within 2 months of the outcome of your internal appeal.

In accordance with section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for the information requested.

Further information on the Freedom of Information Act is available through the Information Commissioner at the:

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Yours sincerely,

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