



# Department for Culture, Media & Sport

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Dear Mr Amin,

Thank you for your correspondence of 25 April, in which you made the following request for information:

***I am seeking information on youth programmes funded in the City of Manchester in the years 2010-to-2023.***

***I am seeking this broken down, year-by-year for each programme and/or organisation funded for the delivery of the programme.***

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). I can confirm that the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) does not have information within scope of your request.

In England, between 2010 - 2021, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), including the National Citizen Service (NCS) Trust, has provided over £1.46 billion to the youth sector. Please note this figure does not account for other Government departments or Arm's Length Bodies spending on youth, neither of which we hold data for.

Unfortunately, we do not hold data on how funding is targeted geographically so we are unable to provide information pertaining specifically to the City of Manchester.

As set out in section 507B of the Education Act 1996, Local Authorities have a statutory duty to 'secure, so far as is reasonably practicable, sufficient provision of educational and recreational leisure-time activities for young people'. This is funded from the Local Government settlement, the majority of which is un-ringfenced, allowing local authorities to spend on services according to local priorities, including on youth services.

Details of all Local Authorities annual spending on youth services can be found in Section 251 data published on [gov.uk](http://gov.uk).

During this Spending Review Period, DCMS is investing over £500 million in youth services to deliver the National Youth Guarantee, a government commitment that by 2025, every young person will have access to regular clubs and activities, adventures away from home and opportunities to volunteer.



This funding will deliver:

- Up to 300 new and refurbished youth spaces and services in left behind areas through allocating over £300 million to the Youth Investment Fund. Organisations delivering youth services in Manchester are eligible for this funding;
- A reformed National Citizen Service programme for the next 3 years, with a year-round offer for thousands of young people;
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Scheme offered to every mainstream state secondary school in England;
- Funding to tackle current non-military Uniformed Youth Groups' waiting lists for teenagers;
- Tens of thousands of youth volunteering opportunities via the #iwill fund.

Yours sincerely,

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### **Complaints and comments**

As is customary in our replies, I should explain that if you are dissatisfied with any aspect of our response to your request for information, and/or wish to appeal against information being withheld from you, please send full details within two calendar months of the date of this response to: [foi@dcms.gov.uk](mailto:foi@dcms.gov.uk). You have the right to ask the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. Please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning an investigation.