

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000580
Date 4 November 2016

Adult Social Care

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request the following information:

- How many people received a personal budget allocation from your local authority in each of the following financial years –
2013-14 - 1,181
2014-15 - 1,155
2015-16 - 1,870
This is based on people who were allocated a personal budget in the year.
- Individuals have a right to challenge the council on the sufficiency of the indicative personal budget or the final amount. How many times did individuals challenge the council on these grounds in each of the following financial years - 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16?
We have had no formal challenges to decisions but where people feel an indicative budget is insufficient to meet needs workers and supervisor's work closely with individuals concerned to reconsider the suitability of the indicative budget in order to set a final personal budget.
- For each year, how many of these challenges were successful?
As above we have had no formal challenges.
- How much does your council propose to save through reviews of care packages or personal budget allocations in 2016-17 and 2017-18? Please also provide a link to your council's cost saving proposals for adult social care in 2017-18.
I can confirm that City of Wolverhampton Council holds this information. The information you have requested is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOI), because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain. Please see link supplied below:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/financialstrategy>

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

- Has your council applied any deflators to your resource allocation system in the following financial years - 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16? If so, please detail the percentage of the deflator applied and in which circumstances (for example, I'm aware some council automatically apply a deflator where people live in shared accommodation).
No the Council has not applied any deflators to the RAS (Resource Allocation System)