



## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)***

#### **Request:**

I would like to request the following information please:

1. How many young people aged 19-25 with an EHCP are funded by the local authority to access a social care day care provision?  
[There are currently 3 young people aged 19-25 with an EHCP who assess social care day provision.](#)
2. How many social care day provisions are owned by the LA and how many young adults (aged 19-25) do they currently accommodate?  
[There are 4 day provisions currently owned by the council which accommodate 13 younger adults \(aged 19-25\).](#)
3. What is the average daily cost to the LA to fund a day care provision for an adult with LDD?  
[The average daily rate paid by the council \(external provision only\) to fund an adult LDD day care placement is £52 per day.](#)
4. How many privately owned day care provisions are there within Wolverhampton that the LA utilise? What is their average daily cost to the LA?  
[There are 22 privately owned day care providers which the council currently utilises.](#)  
  
[The average daily cost for privately commissioned day care is currently £47 per day.](#)
5. What is the average length of a weekly package that is funded by the LA (1-5 days)?  
[The average number of days which comprise of a weekly package of day care funded by the council currently stands at 3.](#)
6. How many school leavers with an EHCP are staying within education post-19?  
[Your request for information has now been considered and the City of Wolverhampton Council is not obliged to supply the information you requested for the reasons set out below.](#)

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires City of Wolverhampton Council, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states the fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies:

In relation to your particular request, the following exemption applies:

**Section 12 - Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit**

We can confirm that the Council holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 allows a public authority to refuse a request if the cost of providing the information to the applicant would exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information.

The Regulations provide that the appropriate limit to be applied to requests received by local authorities is £450 (equivalent to 18 hours of work). In estimating the cost of complying with a request for information, an authority can only take into account any reasonable costs incurred in:

- (a) *Determining whether it holds the information,*
  - (b) *Locating the information, or a document which may contain the information,*
  - (c) *Retrieving the information, or a document which may contain the information,*
- and*
- (d) *Extracting the information from a document containing it.*

*For the purposes of the estimate the costs of performing these activities should be estimated at a rate of £25 per hour.*

The information appertaining to your request is not easily accessible and as such this information is not held as a distinct set able to be retrieved or reported on. To get the information would require a full scale look into all individual's record/plan. This would be a manual exercise and as such we believe that the aggregated time it would take to collate the information would be in excess of 18 hours (equivalent to a notional cost of £450).

Excess cost removes the City of Wolverhampton Council's obligation under the Freedom of Information, however the Council may be able to provide answers to the request, should you wish to submit a refined request.

7. How many of these learners will access a mainstream FE provision within the LA?  
As above.

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8. How many of these learners will access a specialist provider/ISP? What is the average yearly cost to the LA?

[As above.](#)