

## Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002153  
Date 09 April 2018

### ***Carers Allowance/Assessments***

#### **Request:**

I wish to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to know:

1. The number of people receiving a carers allowance in your local authority each year from 2015 to the present day (or the last day for which data is held). If possible, I would also like to know specifically the number of carers for elderly people (however this is categorised - over 60s for instance) each year?  
*Following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above requested information.*

*Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act"), that states:*

*"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".*

*To advise and assist you under Section 16 of the FOIA, you need to re-direct your enquiry to the relevant public authority. For reference we have provided their link below:*

*<https://stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk/webapi/jsf/login.xhtml>*

2. The number of carers assessments carried out by your local authority each year from 2015 to the present day (or the last day for which data is held)?  
*2015-2016 - 1331 carers assessments/ reassessments completed.  
2016-2017 - 1768 carers assessment/ reassessments completed.  
2017-2018 - 1542 carers assessments/reassessments completed.*
3. How often your authority carries out a carer's assessment for each carer. Is there a standard check up every year for instance, or does it vary according to need?  
*A carers review/reassessment is carried out each year as a matter of course.*

4. The numbers of carers receiving help after a carers assessment each year from 2015 to the present day (or the last day for which data is held). If possible, I would like the type of help broken down. For example, the number of cases where communications devices (such as laptops) were awarded, or respite breaks?

Generally, the number has remained the same, 105 carers currently access home based respite via a commissioned agency each week. They collectively access a total of 455 hours per week. In addition, some carers have one off Home Based Respite for hospital appointments and other occasions where they are unable to source support. 65 carers have a ongoing direct payment to access support. We have also identified the need for one off direct payments for specific items such as tumble dryer, bus pass etc. The assessment can also identify the need for a break the carers team manage two adapted caravans which are accessed after completing an assessment.

Carers access the emergency card scheme, (6000 carers) this offers free access to City of Wolverhampton Council leisure facilities, carer training, carer bulletin and monthly newsletter after completing an assessment. We also have a welfare rights worker who offers support with all benefit issues pertaining to carers. The carers team offer ongoing support and if a carer needs advice, support or guidance there will be a worker available to speak to them.