



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 021541
Date 10 February 2015

Youth Service Funding and Staffing

Request:

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act (please see Notes and Definitions section below before responding):

Core council youth service expenditure (original budget) - 2010/11

1. Core council youth service expenditure - 2013/14
2. Core council youth service expenditure - 2014/15
3. Total council youth service expenditure (inc relevant Area Based Grants, Early Intervention Grant, and Connexions) (original budget) - 2010/11
4. Total council youth service expenditure (inc relevant Area Based Grants, Early Intervention Grant, and Connexions) - 2013/14
5. Total council youth service expenditure (inc relevant Area Based Grants, Early Intervention Grant, and Connexions) - 2014/15
6. Youth service output in 2010/11 - all contacts (if recorded; please provide the definition of a 'contact' that the council used in 2010/11)
7. Youth service output in 2010/11 - 'sustained' contacts (if recorded; please provide the definition of a 'sustained contact' that the council used in 2010/11)
8. The figure in q7 as a percentage of the entire youth services demographic in 2010/11
9. The figure in q8 as a percentage of the entire youth services demographic in 2010/11
10. Youth service output in 2013/14 - all contacts (if recorded; please provide the definition of a 'contact' that the council used in 2013/14)
11. Youth service output in 2013/14 - 'sustained' contacts (if recorded; please provide the definition of a 'sustained contact' that the council used in 2013/14)
12. The figure in q11 as a percentage of the entire youth services demographic in 2013/14
13. The figure in q12 as a percentage of the entire youth services demographic in 2013/14
14. Please give details of any shift of youth service provision from a universal to a targeted approach since 2010
15. FTE number of local authority staff employed delivering youth services in March/April 2010 (or any alternative 2010/11 figure)
16. FTE number of local authority staff employed delivering youth services in February 2015 (or any alternative 2014/15 figure)

17. The number of youth centres funded and/or provided by the local authority in 2010/11
18. The number of youth centres funded and/or provided by the local authority in 2014/15

Please send me the requested information by email in the attached spreadsheet (please send an xlsx file rather than a pdf).

Notes and Definitions - PLEASE READ BEFORE RESPONDING:

In questions 1 to 3, the council may define 'core' youth services in line with any internal definition that it operates. If the council does not distinguish 'core' youth services, it may ignore questions 1 to 3.

In questions 1 and 4, the requested figures are for the 'original budget' for 2010/11 - ie prior to the impact of the 'in-year' cuts imposed by central government following the 2010 general election (if these figures are not available, please use figures from after the 'in-year' cuts and state this to be the case).

If the council has outsourced its entire youth service funding to independent and third sector providers, please supply the funding levels given to these providers (in total) for questions 1-6 as appropriate.

In questions 9, 10, 13 and 14, 'youth service demographic' refers to the number of people in the ENTIRE age group that the council's youth services are designed to cater to – it does NOT refer to subsets of that age group that the council may have chosen to target (e.g. lower income or 'at-risk' youths).

In questions 7, 8, 11 and 12, 'youth service output' refers to the number of contacts made with members of the youth service demographic. 'Sustained' contacts rests on any internal council definition, but is likely to mean above a minimum number of repeated contacts with each individual.

If the council has no records of contacts, please ignore questions 7-14.

In questions 16 and 17, where certain staff roles overlap between youth services and other services, the council may restrict its figures to staff who are solely engaged in delivering youth services, provided this is applied consistently to both years.

In questions 16-17, if FTE figures are unavailable, headcount will do, again provided this is applied consistently to both years. Please state if headcount figures are used.

In questions 18 and 19, 'funded' includes where a council pays an external organisation (e.g. charity) specifically to provide a youth centre (regardless of any other funding it may provide to that organisation for other purposes). If this would exceed the section 12 time limit, please limit both these questions to youth centres provided directly by the local authority (please state if this is the case).

	Response:
Question 1	£3.8 million (gross expenditure 2010/11), £4.1 million (gross original budget 2010/11)
Question 2	£3.0 million (gross expenditure 2013/14)
Question 3	£1.2 million (forecast expenditure 2014/15)
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Question 4	£4.3 million (gross expenditure 2010/11), £4.6 million (gross original budget 2010/11)
Question 5	£3.0 million (gross expenditure 2013/14)
Question 6	£1.2 million (forecast expenditure 2014/15)
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Question 7	(13-19 yrs) 6388
Question 7 - 2010/11 definition of 'contact'	The definition of a contact is: ' - the youth worker knows the name and afce of the young person and is consciously building a relationship with that young perison; and, ' - the young person may attend events occassionally; or, ' - the young person may seek information or advice; or' ' - the young person may be involved in issue-based session/s with a group at a school (but attendances at school assemblies do not count).
Question 8	(13-19 yrs) 3553
Question 8 - 2010/11 definition of 'sustained contact'	We have used our participant data for this response. The definition of a participant is; ' - a young person with whom the youth worker has an ongoing relationship; and, ' - the young person is involved with /attends youth work sessions/activities on a regular basis and is participatong in a youth work curriculu, in some way; and/or, ' - the young person takes part in a 'concentrated experience' - a piece of focused work such as a residential event or project.
Question 9	29.87%
Question 10	16.61%
Question 11	(11-19 yrs) 6290
Question 11 - 2013/14 definition of 'contact'	The definition of a contact is: ' - the youth worker knows the name and afce of the young person and is consciously building a relationship with that young perison; and, ' - the young person may attend events occassionally; or, ' - the young person may seek information or advice; or' ' - the young person may be involved in issue-based session/s with a group at a school (but attendances at school assemblies do not count).

Question 12	(11-19 yrs) 4308
Question 12 - 2013/14 definition of 'sustained contact'	We have used our participant data for this response. The definition of a participant is; ' - a young person with whom the youth worker has an ongoing relationship; and, ' - the young person is involved with /attends youth work sessions/activities on a regular basis and is participating in a youth work curriculum, in some way; and/or, ' - the young person takes part in a 'concentrated experience' - a piece of focused work such as a residential event or project.
Question 13	21.64%
Question 14	14.81%
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Question 15	In 2010 the Council offered an open access and targeted youth service across the city. In 2014, the Council made the decision to reduce provision in this area due to fiscal constraints. In July 2014, the Council closed all of its open-access provision, retaining one facility in the City Centre for young people to attend until the Wolverhampton Youth Zone opens in 2016. The Council retained a small targeted youth work service that is integrated with the early help services structure and offers targeted youth work interventions to those young people identified with specific needs.
Question 16	75.01 FTE
Question 17	16.80 FTE
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Question 18	19 youth centres, 33 youth clubs
Question 19	1
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