

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 111513
Date 4 November 2015

Local Welfare Assistance

Request:

Can the local authority confirm the number of applications received for local welfare assistance in the following years: 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15

2012/13 No LWA scheme existed as DWP Social Fund crisis loans and community care grants still available

2013 to 30/06/2014 (Local Discretionary Grant Scheme) = 3,000

01/07/14 to 31/03/15 (New LWA provision) = 1,016

Can the local authority confirm the number of care leavers who applied for local welfare assistance in 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15

Following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above information. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, as per Section 1(1)(a) of the Act:

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Does your local authority commission services to support care leavers with managing their money?

No

If yes please could you outline what this service consists of?

Please tick the following if they are included in your service offer:

- Free budgeting workshops
- Workshops offering support on household bills
- Workshop on advice agencies and accessing independent advice
- 1:1 budgeting support
- 1:1 support on household bills
- 1:1 support on advice agencies and accessing independent advice
- Free advice on saving and investing money
- Other (please state)

N/A

How many care leavers in each of the following years have fallen into debt, where this is known to the local authority: (2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15).

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How many care leavers in each of the following years have fallen into debt on their council tax where this is known to the local authority: (2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15)

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How many care leavers up until the age of 25 have been evicted from their accommodation due to falling into arrears in the following years? (2014/15, 2013/14, 2012/13)

2014/2016 = 1

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How many unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) are in the care of the local authority?

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How many former UASC are receiving leaving care services in this local authority, and of these how many are appeal rights exhausted?

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In the last three financial years (2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15), how many appeal rights exhausted asylum seeking care leavers under 21 years (or 25 years if in full time education) were discharged from Local Authority services?

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How many of the young people referred to in the question above had their leaving care support terminated as a result of a human rights assessment by each financial year (2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15)?

[See above.](#)