11 February 2019

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 108/19

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request / Response:

I am writing to request information under the FOIA about the council’s plans for expenditure on social care services for disabled children and their families from 2019-2020. Could you please let me know for each of (1) overall social care expenditure on disabled children and their families and (2) expenditure on short breaks for disabled children, whether the council plans to:

1. Increase expenditure in real terms

Answer:
There is no planned increase in expenditure for either the social care expenditure on disabled children and their families or short breaks for disabled children. However both services are demand led and therefore costs and expenditure can increase or decrease depending on this demand.

2. Maintain current levels of expenditure in real terms

Answer:
The budget for social care expenditure on disabled children and expenditure on short breaks for disabled children will remain the same in the 2019/20 financial year plus an inflationary figure of 2% on the base budget.

3. Maintain current levels of expenditure in cash terms

Answer:
Both budgets will remain the same in the 2019/20 financial year plus an inflationary figure of 2% on the base budget.

4. Make cash reductions to current levels of expenditure

Answer:
There are no plans to make cash reductions to either the social care expenditure on disabled children and their families or the short breaks for disabled children grant in Rutland which will remain the same in 2019/20 financial year plus an inflationary figure of 2% on the base budget.
5. Could you also please let me know whether these plans have been finalised; or are currently still proposals (and if the latter, whether they are subject to public consultation)?

Answer:
This is the final position.

6. Finally, could you please send me copies of (or links to) to any council, cabinet or committee papers with respect to plans for social care for disabled children and their families; and details of any public consultations on such plans.

Answer:
Not Applicable

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Yours faithfully

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