

NCC-032735-18 Local Welfare Assistance

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please could you send me the following information, under the Freedom of Information Act:

- 1) Does your council run a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, designed to provide emergency and/or community assistance? If not, when did it cease to do so?
- 2) If you do run a LWAS, what is its budget for 2018/19?
- 3) What has been its budget for each of the previous 5 financial years (2017/18, 2016/17, 2015/16, 2014/15, 2013/14)? If the scheme has ended, please provide the information for the years when it was operational.
- 4) How much has been spent in each of those financial years? (2013/14 to 2017/18 inclusive). If the scheme has ended, please provide the information for the years when it was operational.
- 5) If there have been any underspends in recent years in your LWAS, where has that money been redirected to (eg has it gone to other budget areas, increasing the LWAS budget for the subsequent year, or elsewhere?) If the scheme has ended, please provide the information for the years when it was operational.
- 6) How many applications have been made in each of those financial years? (2013/14 to 2017/18 inclusive). If the scheme has ended, please provide the information for the years when it was operational.
- 7) Of those, how many applications have been successful and how many have been rejected in each year? If a breakdown exists by emergency / community element, please provide this. If a breakdown exists for the reasons for rejection, please provide this. If the scheme has ended, please provide the information for the years when it was operational.
- 8) Is your LWAS fully funded by the council? If there are external funders, who are they and how much do they contribute?
- 9) Please send me a copy of your criteria - eg which individuals are or are not eligible, what constitutes an emergency, any limits on how many times someone can apply to apply is for assessing applications. Please also provide any guidelines for council officers when determining applications.
- 10) How and where has your LWAS scheme been publicised over the past five years?
- 11) If you already have existing reports or data showing a breakdown of applications by the nature of the need, or by location, please send me a copy.

Please treat points 1 to 11 above separately. In other words, if the information requested in one question is deemed exempt, this should not preclude the release of the information sought in other questions.

I believe that, under the FOIA, I am entitled to this information and I believe it can be provided within the time and cost limits set by the legislation. If you disagree, then please email me on this address as soon as possible to discuss this, as required by Section 16 of the FOIA.

I would prefer this information to be sent to me electronically, to this email address.

I look forward to receiving this information as soon as possible, and no later than the 20th working day (17 July 2018).

Kind regards

Dear Requester,

Firstly please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in responding, we have made numerous enquiries to ensure we do not hold any data to provide before responding.

We have received a number of these requests and unfortunately we have do not data to provide as our scheme ended on 31/03/2014.

There is some information on the internet that we referred people to which would include some data that may be of interest to you.

To find out more about how we are delivering Adult Social Care in Nottinghamshire, read our Supporting Adults Strategy or watch our films at; notts.cc/care-act-films and notts.cc/mobilisation

We are sorry this does not fulfil your enquiry on this occasion and hope this does not cause you any inconvenience.

Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publishes previous FOIR,s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (see link)<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or email complaints@nottscc.gov.uk.

Kind Regards