

NCC-038944-19 LGBT Spend

Dear Requester,

Further to your request for information under the freedom of information act, please find attached a breakdown of the Grant Aid and Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) discretionary funding as a contribution towards the delivery of *specific* services for the LGBT+ community over the last 5 years.

Please also note that:

- The discretionary funding years run from 1st July to 30th June.
- The LIS came into effect as from 01 July 2018, replacing what was 'Grant Aid'.

All projects supported by the LIS (and previously, Grant Aid), should be inclusive to everyone, regardless of an individual's sexual orientation. From the most recent 2018-19 Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) figures, we can see that over 1,000 people using LIS-funded projects/services, self-report as 'not being heterosexual / straight'. This equates to roughly 9% of service users of funded projects which responded to this question and is higher than the average statistics for Nottinghamshire as a whole (<https://www.nottinghamshireinsight.org.uk/d/190085> - p. 39-40). The LIS total amount awarded for 2018-19 is over £1,172,800.

From a Safer Nottinghamshire Board perspective the money that is spent on LGBT+ awareness training comes from the Police and Crime Commissioner rather than NCC.

We also hold data on our public website at <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/finance-and-budget/grants-funding/councillors-divisional-fund> which gives details of how Elected Members allocated their divisional funds within their wards.

With regard to questions 2 and 3, the Council supports self-managed staff networks. We have staff networks for our LGBT staff, Disabled staff and BME staff. Each network receives a budget every year of approx. £2000 to spend on holding meetings, raising awareness amongst staff and on their own training and development. This budget is regularly under-spent. Looking at available accounts for the LGBT staff network over the last 5 financial years, they spent the following on:

LGBT+ events and training:

Contribution to Joint conference in 2017	£270.91
Contribution to Joint conference in 2016	£298.60
Attendance at Stonewall Workplace Conference in 2016	£280.00
Contribution to Joint conference in 2015	£235.98
Total:	£1085.49

LGBT+ paraphernalia:

Bunting/flags for IDAHOTB Day in 2017	£82.50
Bunting/flags/pin badges/digital screen in 2016	£320.13
Digital screen in 2015	£71.00
Total:	£473.63

The figures for the financial year 2018-19 are not available at the time of writing. There was no expenditure on LGBT training or paraphernalia in 2014.

We trust this now resolves your enquiry, however should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

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<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords.

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Kind Regard

Complaints, Information & Mediation Team
Chief Executive's Department
Nottinghamshire County Council
County Hall

To whom it may concern,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following:

- A full total and breakdown of money spent by this council/authority supporting and/or endorsing LGBT+ foundations/causes/awareness/charities/training days in the past five financial years.
- A specification of any relevant LGBT+ events or training (dates/where they were held/who money was paid to) within that time period.
- A full total and breakdown of money spent on LGBT+ paraphernalia by the council in the past five financial years.

If you cannot answer all of my questions, please call me to discuss what information your authority could supply at the earliest opportunity on 020 8722 6326.

Please acknowledge this FOI request by reply with a reference on receipt.

If I am mistaken and the information requested is already in the public domain, or if you have already published a similar response, please direct me to where I can find it. If you have published some of the requested information already but not all, can you please point me towards what you had already published and fill in the gaps by reply?

If you feel you cannot provide all of this information, please provide what information you can in the spirit of Section 16 of FoI, to "provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made requests for information".

Please send me the information by email. Please provide me with a summary of the information I have requested.

Please send me the information requested in an xlsx file.

Kind regards,