



Freedom of Information Request FOI1822

Request:

Re: Freedom of Information Request " replacement of the words including man, men, father, dad, mankind and other male-related words.

I wish to submit the following freedom of information requests:

1. Please provide me details of places, including public buildings, meeting rooms etc that have replaced, or plan to replace the words: man, men, father, dad, mankind and other male-related words with gender-neutral terms?
2. Please provide me with details of the costs of making these changes?
3. Please provide me details of any council guidance on the replacement of the words man, men, father, dad, mankind and other male-related words and their replacement with gender-neutral terms?
4. Please provide with an example of a council report or publication that has replaced the words man, men, father, dad, mankind and other male-related words with a gender-neutral term?
5. Please provide me with details about the amount of money you authority has spent on combatting domestic abuse over each of the last 5 complete financial years, including money spent on shelters/refuges. I would like this broken down by sex?
6. Please provide me with details about any initiatives that have been launched to reduce male suicide over the last three years?
7. Please provide me with details about any initiatives that have been launched to reduce female suicide over the last three years?
8. Please provide me with details of events held by your council, in the last three years that promote positive male role models, fatherhood and marriage?

Submitted on 10/10/19.

Response:

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We have no plan to do this.

2. Please provide me with details of the costs of making these changes?

No such changes have been made.

3. Please provide me details of any council guidance on the replacement of the words man, men, father, dad, mankind and other male-related words and their replacement with gender-neutral terms?

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Guidance has been provided to our front line Customer Service teams around LGBT and equality and trans awareness.

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Expenditure is not held by sex. Please see below expenditure on combating domestic abuse for the last 5 complete financial years.

- 2014/15 £356,194
- 2015/16 £329,308
- 2016/17 £514,231
- 2017/18 £432,213
- 2018/19 £477,413

6. Please provide me with details about any initiatives that have been launched to reduce male suicide over the last three years?

The North Tyneside suicide multi-agency action plan is based on a clear understanding of local needs and has a specific priority on reducing suicide risk in men, especially in middle age, as local suicide audits have demonstrated this is the population group most at risk. Initiatives include: Commissioned suicide awareness training for frontline staff specifically aimed at services that come into contact with men; Active North Tyneside have carried out suicide awareness raising initiatives targeting men, linked in with Newcastle United Foundation trust - 'be a game changer' brand; and Active North Tyneside have trained community sports coaches and leisure staff in Mental Health First Aid as they have a wide reach into local communities.

7. Please provide me with details about any initiatives that have been launched to reduce female suicide over the last three years?

North Tyneside suicide multi-agency action plan takes a Public Health population approach to suicide prevention through a range of actions. No initiatives have been launched to specifically reduce female suicides in the last 3 years.

8. Please provide me with details of events held by your council, in the last three years that promote positive male role models, fatherhood and marriage?

There have been no events held specifically to promote positive male role models, fatherhood or marriage.