

Reference: FOI-827

**Request:**

Under The Freedom of Information Act I would like to request the following information:

1. With regard to your Local Authority's fiscal situation, how much do you need to save in the next fiscal year (23/24) in order to deliver a balanced budget?
2. How many Social Worker vacancies does your Local Authority have across all of its Adult Social Care Teams as of today's date (14<sup>th</sup> April 2023)?
3. How many Locum/Agency Social Workers are current in post across all of your Adult Social Care Teams as of today's date (14<sup>th</sup> April 2023)?
4. How many people are waiting for an initial adult social care assessment from your Local Authority as of today's date (14<sup>th</sup> April 2023)?
5. How many of those currently waiting for an adult social care assessment have been waiting longer than 3 months, and how many longer than 6 months.
6. How many care plan annual reviews are outstanding across all your Adult Social Care Teams as of today's date (14<sup>th</sup> April 2023)?
7. How many of these reviews are overdue by 0 – 3 months?
8. How many of these reviews are overdue by 3 – 6 months?
9. How many of these reviews are overdue by 6 months or more?

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10. How many packages of care for adults (18+ years old) is the Local Authority funding at a cost of £750 or more per week, including supported living placements, care home placements and care at home?
11. How many adult packages of care are currently joint funded between your Local Authority and the NHS?
12. How many continuing healthcare screening assessments have been completed by your Adult Social Care Teams each month over the past 12 months?
13. What model of working do your Adult Social Care Teams currently use, i.e. 3 conversations model?
14. What case management system is currently used by your Adult Social Care Teams, i.e. Liquid Logic, Mosaic, AIS, Swift?
15. If a resident in your Local Authority area was on the waiting list for a Care Act (2014) assessment and instead of waiting for an assessment from one of your Social Workers, paid for an independent Social Worker to complete a Care Act assessment, would the Local Authority accept this as a complete assessment and arrange support as recommended in the assessment, or would a Local Authority employed Social Worker still be required to complete an assessment?

**Response:**

1. The 2023-2027 Medium Term Plan was approved by Full Council on 16 February 2023. Within the plan there is a savings requirement of £1.674m in 2023/24.

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2. 23
3. 0 (zero)
4. Information not held.
5. Information not held.
6. 983
7. 411
8. 149
9. 423
10. 633. Some of these will be joint funded with the NHS (shared care and S117)
11. S117: 252  
Shared Care: 20
12. Information not held.
13. The Authority is currently using a strength-based model developed in house called Ways to Wellbeing which is based on the 3 conversation model and Signs of Safety, using conversations to assess and plan service user care and support.

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This enables the worker to learn:

- What is important to the Service User
- Their strengths and talents
- What is working well and what they want to change
- Their current networks and potential universal services they could access
- What their aspirations are
- How they'd like to be supported

14. Liquid Logic

15. The Authority would accept the assessment and arrange support as recommended but this would be subject to a review completed by our staff.

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