



Reference: FOI1287

Request:

I am writing to you to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. How many appeals against decisions relating to adult social care from:
 - a. Adults aged over 65
 - b. Adults aged 18-64 with learning disability support as the primary support reason
 - c. Adults aged 18-64 without learning disability support as the primary support reasonhave been lodged in each of the financial years 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?
2. In how many appeals against decisions relating to adult social care from:
 - a. Adults aged over 65
 - b. Adults aged 18-64 with learning disability support as the primary support reason
 - c. Adults aged 18-64 without learning disability support as the primary support reasonhas an initial decision not to grant support been overturned in each of the financial years 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?
3. In how many appeals against decisions relating to adult social care from:
 - a. Adults aged over 65
 - b. Adults aged 18-64 with learning disability support as the primary support reason
 - c. Adults aged 18-64 without learning disability support as the primary support reasonhas the local authority been ordered to increase the level of support to be provided in each of the financial years 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?
4. How much has the local authority spent on legal fees for appeals relating to adult social care in each of the financial years 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?

Response:

North Tyneside Council does not have a formal appeal process for Adult Social Care assessments. If clients disagree with their assessment, this is handled on an individual case by case basis.

Extracting this information would require a manual check of all client records.

Therefore, the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been considered. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.