

East Lothian Council

FOI Ref: 2018/499458

1. What is the budget for children services and what has the budget been over the last 5 years?

Please refer to Appendix I overleaf.

2. What is the amount of money spent on Locums, Agency Staff, Private Adoption Agencies or Care Agencies, including charitable organisations such as Barnardos? Can the names of the private agencies, consultancies or charities utilised be provided. And can a financial breakdown be provided to detail how much each external organisations received from the services provided.

Please refer to Appendix I overleaf.

3. Of this breakdown how much was spent on legal fees?

It is not possible to determine this information from the breakdown. In view of this, under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that East Lothian Council (ELC) has been unable to comply with your request as the information you require is not held.

4. Which portion of children's services comes from income raised by the Local Authority or Central Government and is there a cap by Central Government on the proportion of funds?

ELC is not clear what information is required here but will be happy to revisit this if clarification is provided. Colleagues are not aware of a cap by Central Government on the proportion of funds.

5. How many children have been forcibly removed over the last 5 years to foster care or care?

ELC does not record this information. In view of this, under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to comply with your request as the information you require is not held*.

6. How many forced adoptions have occurred over the last 5 years.

ELC does not record this information. In view of this, under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to comply with your request as the information you require is not held*.

*ELC does have young people for whom we have sought a Child Protection Order (CPO) and also young people who have gone through the Children's Hearing process which could result in them being accommodated.

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Appendix I

	2018-19 £	2017-18 £	2016-17 £	2015-16 £	2014-15 £
1 Budget	13,890,000	13,386,000	12,946,000	12,576,000	11,761,000
2 Agency staff	61,757	69,912	11,465	45,376	21,378
Care agencies	-	-	-	-	-
Action for Children Scotland	-	-	31,008	91,636	4,968
Allied Healthcare Group Ltd	26,995	99,652	114,346	113,854	17,899
Barnardo's	24,017	86,196	-	-	-
Cornerstone	-	-	-	-	136
E L C A P	-	148,964	45,657	106,536	125,049
East Lothian Special Needs Playschemes	-	-	-	-	404
Enable Scotland	718	-	-	-	-
Housecall	-	673	10,007	22,968	65,831
Mears Care (Scotland) Ltd	6,775	14,724	-	-	-
Mochridhe	-	1,184	1,685	720	-
Royal Blind Asylum & School	-	-	-	3,539	-
Royal Blind Asylum & School Edinburgh	-	-	-	4,734	21,853
The Action Group	-	446	1,705	10,929	51,318
Total	58,504	351,839	204,408	354,917	287,457