

# East Lothian Council

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**1. (a) In each of the last five years, how many individuals have received funding for free personal care services?**

2013-14	2,564
2014-15	2,593
2015-16	2,492
2016-17	2,332
2017-18	2,326

**(b) In each of the last five years, how many individuals have received free personal care services from the council?**

2013-14	643
2014-15	598
2015-16	559
2016-17	521
2017-18	487

**2. (a) In each of the last five years, how many new applications or referrals for free personal care services or funding have been made to the council?**

ELC does not have specific referrals/applications for Free Personal Care services, rather a needs assessment process. 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 recorded.

**(b) In each of the last five years, how many applications or referrals for free personal care services or funding have been refused or rejected by the council?**

ELC does not have specific referrals/applications for Free Personal Care services, rather a needs assessment process. 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 recorded.

**(c) What were the grounds for those refusals or rejections in question 2(b)? Please detail by number of times used.**

Following a comprehensive needs assessment, if a person does not meet the eligible needs requirement then the service will not be deemed to be required. As above, as we do not have specific referrals/applications for Free Personal Care services, 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 recorded.

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**3. (a) In each of the last five years, how much has the council spent on funding for free personal care services?**

2013-14	£7.937m
2014-15	£9.145m
2015-16	£9.255m
2016-17	£8.293m
2017-18	£8.201m

**(b) In each of the last five years, how many full-time equivalent personal care staff were employed by the council?**

2013-14	102.13 FTE
2014-15	98.47 FTE
2015-16	103.99 FTE
2016-17	94.98 FTE
2017-18*	88.89 FTE

The figures above relate to staff working within Services for Adults and Services for Older People. They include Care Support Co-Ordinator/Organiser & Worker and Day Services Officers.

\*To November 2018

**(c) In each of the last five years, how many vacancies were advertised for personal care staff?**

**(d) Of those vacancies in 3(c), how many were filled?**

In relation to questions 3(c) and (d) ELC's current system does not hold details of vacancies. 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.

Vacant posts can be filled through the use of agency staff within each Service Area.