

East Lothian Council

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'In 2018-19 we will provide an additional £66 million to bring the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 into force, to continue to support the delivery of the Living Wage for adult social care workers, and to increase payments for free personal and nursing care.'

This resource was designed in part to enable the increased Scottish Living Wage rate of £8.75 per hour to be paid to all adult social care staff, from at least the 1st of May 2018; and to implement the duties within the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016, including the duty to provide support to carers to meet their eligible needs.

In the 2018/19 financial year, East Lothian received £1.162(million) being a proportion of that £66m according to the established formula deployed in the Local Government Settlement.

Please indicate the following:

A. Exact sum (expressed as a monetary amount) of the £1.162 (million) they received that was allocated to the Health and Social Care Partnership and for what purpose.

East Lothian were actually given £1,237,000 in additional monies from the Scottish Government. The full amount was given to the Health and Social Care Partnership.

B. Exact sum (expressed as a monetary amount) expended by the Local Authority and or Health and Social Care Partnership

- **on increased payments to third and independent sector care providers to support implementation of the Living Wage**

£717,000

- **on implementing the duties in the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016**

£200,000

C. If they found it necessary to allocate additional funds over and above this funding to support third and independent sector care providers to support implementation of the Living Wage, please indicate the additional sum allocated

No additional funds allocated.

D. A description of what the money allocated to implementing the duties in the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 was used for, including details of the monetary amount allocated to each service/purpose and in each instance which organisation the money was allocated to. Please only include the net, additional money which was allocated to carer support from the £1.162 (million) and do not include any money which was allocated to carer support before this additional money was received.

Carers of East Lothian - £102,355 for the purpose of employing an additional 1 Full Time Carer Support Worker to support with completion of Adult Carer Support Plans, anticipating an increase in demand. The funding also covered the monies previously funded through the Carer Information Strategy funding which ceased 31st March 2018(this covered 2 FT carer support workers). Also, funding covered an additional part time post to support with raising awareness and work on the Short Breaks Statement in liaison with the HSCP.

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East Lothian Young Carers - £48,469 to increase the Young Carers Club places from 20 to 40, and to cover 1 Full Time Young Carer Support Worker to support with completion of Young Carer Statements.

Bridges Project - £19,000 to cover the cost of a Transitions Development Worker to work with older young carers.

HSCP – the remaining £30,176 to fund carer support plans and subsequently their personal budgets following the completion of Adult Carer Support Plans and Young Carer Statements and any other event and awareness raising costs linked to implementing the act.

E. If they found it necessary to allocate additional funds over and above this to support the implementation of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016, please indicate the additional sum allocated

No additional funds allocated.

F. If they did not allocate 100% of to the £1.162 (million) to the purpose expressed in the Scottish Government 2018-19 budget, please provide a full breakdown of the other purposes to which this resource was put

£320,000 of the monies were attributed to out of home care costs including taxis, day centres and ancillary costs in recognition that services are evolving and care is not always provided at home.

Finally, it may help to explain that Freedom of Information legislation only applies to information which is held or recorded by a public authority. It does not apply to views, opinions, intentions, general questions or questions which simply require a yes/no answer. In view of this, some of the questions asked are not technically valid for the purposes of this legislation as they are not requests for specific recorded information that East Lothian Council may or may not hold.

In order to assist you, however, colleagues have addressed the questions posed to the best of their knowledge. For future reference, a link to the "Tips for Requesters" page of the Scottish Information Commissioner's website has been provided which you may find useful: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Tipsforrequesters.aspx>