



Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information**

I am writing in respect of your enquiry dated 20/04/2011 ]  
for information held by the Council. Your enquiry is being dealt with  
under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. You requested information relating to:

1. How many disabled people live in your local authority area? Please provide figures for the following age categories and, where possible, provide the source of these statistics:

- Disabled children (0-18 years)
- Disabled adults of working age (18-65 years)
- Older disabled people (aged over 65 years)

2. Which of the following services does your local authority fund? In each case please specify:

- How many people access the services
- Whether the service is:
  - provided directly by the authority
  - contracted out to a Voluntary or Community Services (VCS) organisation or a private company
  - provided by a voluntary or third sector organisation through grant funding
- The service budget for the financial years 2008-9; 2009-10; 2010-11; 2011-12, or, for grant-funded services, the amount of grant funding provided for each of these years

Service types:

- Sure start, children's centres, *inclusive* early years and play provision
- Short breaks / respite care services for carers and parents
- Children's social care
- Out-of-school support which caters for or specialised in helping disabled children
- *Inclusive* youth or leisure provision
- Transitions services for young disabled people moving to adult social care support
- Employment support services for unemployed disabled people
- Home/domiciliary care for i) working age disabled people (18-64) and ii) older people
- Day centres for i) working age disabled people (18-64) and ii) older people



- Residential social care for i) working age disabled people (18-64) and ii) older people
- Supported housing and independent living solutions for i) working age adults and ii) older people
- Community mobility and specialist transport services (i.e. mobility scooters, shuttle/bus services)
- Hospices/palliative care in the community
- Local information, advice and guidance services for disabled people or social care users
- Befriending or counselling services for disabled people or care users
- Luncheon clubs or community networking support groups for disabled people
- Any other services aimed at supporting disabled people (please specify)

3. Have you increased or decreased your charges from the financial year 2010-11 to 2011-12 for any of the following services? In each case please specify:

- How many people access the services.
- The amount of increase or decrease in pounds and pence, and expressed as a percentage.

Services:

- Meals on wheels
- Home care (hourly rates)
- Leisure activities in the community for those with physical, mental or learning disabilities
- Day centre activities or meal charges
- Specialist transport fees
- Children's disability services, i.e. specialist or accessible child care rates and play provision
- Short breaks or respite services rates (or the level of contribution that this made by the parent / carer)
- Disability-related equipment
- Careline or emergency alarms
- Home adaptations
- Information, advice and guidance services

4. Have you closed, or restricted the access to, or operation of, any of the following services? If the answer is yes, please clarify whether it is a closure or restriction of the services and briefly describe the nature of the closure or restriction.

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5. At what level did your local authority set its Fair Access to Care Services (FACS) eligibility criteria in 2010/11 and what level will eligibility criteria be set at for 2011/12? Please specify the FACS levels of eligibility (low, moderate, substantial or critical).

6. Do you take disabled people's DLA into account when assessing a person's financial contribution to their care? And if so, how much of a person's DLA do you ask them to contribute to their care funding (as an amount in £ and pence or as a percentage of benefit)

7. Is there an efficiency savings target, cost abatement multiplier (or dampener) currently being applied to the Resource Allocation System (RAS) for Direct Payments and Individual Budget recipients? If so, what is the percentage value of this and when was this implemented?

2. The following information is provided free of charge in response to your enquiry. [The information relates to the period 2009 to 2011 ].

The Proportion of residents claiming Disability Living Allowance in 2010 was as follows:

0 - 15 – 3.6% %

16 – 64 – 3.9% %



65+ - 21.7%

Kent County Council Research and Intelligence Team

The Council provides supported housing to older people. The Council manages 538 supported housing units (all one bedroom), housing 639 residents. The service is delivered by Dartford Borough Council, part funded from the Housing Revenue Account and part by Supporting People Grant. The budget is as follows:

<b>Supporting People:</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Grant Received</b>
<b>2008-09</b>	<b>£415,700</b>	<b>£532,368</b>
<b>2009-10</b>	<b>361,000</b>	<b>332,487</b>
<b>2010-11</b>	<b>361,000</b>	<b>360,078</b>
<b>2011-12</b>	<b>345,000</b>	

The only restriction on the service is that a person must be over 55 to hold a tenancy in a supported housing unit.

3. If you are unhappy with the way in which your enquiry has been dealt with, you may ask for an internal review by initiating the Council's Corporate Complaints Procedure, details of which may be obtained by logging onto the Council's website <http://www.dartford.gov.uk> or telephoning or emailing me. Should you remain dissatisfied with the decision on internal review, you may appeal to the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.

I would be grateful if you would address any future correspondence you may have in relation to this matter, to me, quoting the reference number FOI 941. Please familiarise yourself with the informative on re-use of information.

Yours sincerely

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Policy and Corporate Support Manager



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