

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Wigan Borough Council. Please may you provide me with:-

1. Amount of funds (in £) spent in the financial year 2021/2022 on employability support services for young people (aged 16-24) with a learning disability and/or autism.

The Supported Employment service work with young people 16+ and cover all disabilities. The service has a dedicated Employment Coach offer for Supported Internships; however, this isn't specific to learning disability or autism.

We have a commitment to supporting people with disabilities into employment and as a Council we make a significant investment. However, it isn't possible to report spend as per request, as we don't currently record information by client group, disability, and age.

2. The names of the top four providers of employability support services for young people (aged 16-24) with a learning disability and/or autism by funding received in the financial year 2021/2022.

As noted above, employability funding isn't specifically focused on L/D and autism, as the Supported Employment Service work generically across all disabilities.

We currently do not fund providers of employability support services for young people.