

FOI request to the Greater London Authority submitted on 24 August 2016 #3729

The Greater London Authority's response sent 22 September 2016

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 24 August. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for:

"The level of funding that the Council has made available by way of grants for, or the commissioning of, social welfare law and money advice providers including Citizens Advice, non profit law centres, and independent advice agencies (sometimes generically described as "community advice services"). By "social welfare law" we mean all matters related to asylum, benefits and welfare rights, community care, debt, education (including special educational needs), employment, housing and immigration.

Please provide this information for the following years.

2012-2013

2013-2014

2014-2015

2015-2016"

Your email refers to 'the council' so firstly, I should clarify that the GLA is London's strategic government and does not operate in the same way as London's Local Authorities.

We identified the GLA's Know Your Rights campaign, which promotes pension credit uptake for older Londoners. The funding made available to our campaign partners, Age UK, over the last few years is as follows:

2012-2013 - £7,000

2013-2014 - £8,000

2014-2015 - £ 8,000

2015-2016 - £8,500

Many organisations in receipt of our funding are employment and training providers rather than 'community advice services'. As part of their work to support people who are unemployed, economically inactive or NEET into training and employment, a provider could provide advice to participants on a range of matters which could include (among other things) available training courses, how to access nursery provision, how to claim in-work benefits. A provider might also refer participants to other advice services, such as the CAB. If you would also like the GLA to provide information about this kind of project, please let me know.

We publish information about grants, funds and contracts at <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/spending-money-wisely/contracts-and-grants>.