

## **Freedom of Information – Response – 27432**

*I hope you are well. I am writing to request detailed information regarding the annual allocation and expenditure of taxpayer-funded social care budgets within West Suffolk under the freedom of information act.*

*To support transparency and public understanding, I would be grateful if you could provide the following:*

*The total amount of money received annually for social care, including any central government grants, ring-fenced funding, and locally raised contributions*

Please note, some of the information requested, is readily accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain. **Section 21** of the FOIA states that a public authority does not need to provide information under section 1 of the Act if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. Links have been provided to access the requested information.

The answers below reference Agenda Item 7 on the County Council meeting held of 12 February 2026, with the covering report to be found in the “Meeting Reports” section and the appendices found in the “Agenda Pack” Section. A link to the meeting can be found here: [County Council Meeting - 12 February 2026](#)

Social care funding comprises **core funding** and **service funding**.

Details of **core funding** dedicated for social care in 2026-27 can be found in Appendix C, page 50, Table 6 of the 2026-27 Budget report appendices.

For 2026-27, this comprises:

- £35.786 million Better Care Fund
- £78.761 million Social Care Precept element of Council Tax
- £8.795 million Children, Families and Youth Grant

The Business Rates, Revenue Support Grant, Council Tax (General), Collection Fund Surplus and reserves transfers are elements of core funding available to support all Council expenditure, including social care expenditure.

Details of **service funding** dedicated for social care in 2026-27 can be found in Appendix E, page 115, Table 10a of the 2026-27 Budget report appendices.

For 2026-27, this comprises:

- For Adult Social Care, £137.701 million, most of which is external income, mainly from fees charged to social care users.
- For Children’s Social Care, £1.766 million (see Social Care, Youth Justice and Strategic Commissioning line) from external income.

*A full breakdown of how this funding is spent across key areas such as adult social care, children's services, community support, commissioned services, staffing, emergency or crisis provision, and any other relevant categories*

A breakdown of this how funding is budgeted to be spent in 2026-27 can be found:

- For Adult Social Care in Appendix E, page 105, Table 2 of the 2026-27 Budget report appendices.
- For Children's Social Care in Appendix E, page 105, Table 3 of the 2026-27 Budget report appendices.

These budgets are funded from a combination of the core funding dedicated to social care, and a portion of the general funding available to support all council expenditure.

*Details of commissioned or outsourced services, including provider names and contract values*

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*Information on how spending decisions are prioritised, monitored, and evaluated*

Details on how the budget was set can be found within the Budget Strategy in the 2026-27 Budget covering report, paragraphs 17 to 23, and Appendix A (pages 1-26) of the 2026-27 Budget report appendices. Further information can be found in the reports presented to the Council's Scrutiny Committee on 13 January 2026. [Scrutiny Committee Meetings](#)

Budgets are monitored quarterly by The Council's Cabinet. Links to the quarterly monitoring reports for the 2025-26 financial year can be found here:

- [Quarter 1 - 9 September 2025 Cabinet](#)
- [Quarter 2 - 4 November 2025 Cabinet](#)
- [Quarter 3 - 24 February 2026 Cabinet](#)

The Quarter 4 / Outturn report will be brought to Cabinet on 14 July 2026.

*Any publicly available reports, audits, or financial statements that explain how outcomes are measured against expenditure*

The Council publishes corporate performance reports that provide details of its forecast and actual performance against a wide range of indicators. Details of these can be found here: [Corporate performance and risk management - Suffolk County Council](#)