

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_20200284**
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Department: **Hertfordshire County Council (Not Hertsmere Borough Council)**
Title: **Breastfeeding support**
Description: **Commissioning of breastfeeding support service**

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

Dear Hertsmere Borough Council,

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information on behalf of <REDACTED>, who wish to find out more about the commissioning of breastfeeding peer support services across England and Wales.

I would be grateful if you could answer the following questions in as much detail as possible. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email below.

1. Did the council commission a breastfeeding support service (including peer support) in the years 2014-2019? If so, please supply details, including budget (per year) and number of service users accessing the service for each of the years 2014-2019. Please attach a copy of the most recent service specification.
2. If breastfeeding support was not directly commissioned, did the council provide funding for breastfeeding support in the years 2014-2019. If so who provided the service (eg health visiting /midwifery) and please supply details, including budget (per year) and number of service users accessing the service for each of the years 2014-2019.
3. If the council did not commission a breastfeeding support service, did it fund breastfeeding support from lay breastfeeding supporters (non-health professionals), for example from professional breastfeeding counsellors, in the years 2014-2019? Please supply details, including budget (per year) and number of service users accessing the service for each of the years 2014-2019.

Yours faithfully,

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

Thank you for your query.

Hertfordshire is a two tier area and this service is not provided at a district level but by the County Council.

Therefore, please refer your FOI request to Hertfordshire County Council who will be able to help you.

Kind regards
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