

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding appointeeship services provided by your local authority. Specifically, I would appreciate it if you could provide answers to the following questions:

1.	How many people within your Local Authority require appointeeship services? This includes individuals who need financial care due to age or disability. (Appointeeship is a service where an individual or organization is appointed to manage the financial matters of someone who cannot do so themselves due to age, illness, or disability.)	448 clients
2.	Who within your Local Authority is responsible for commissioning or involved in the provision of appointeeship or financial care for vulnerable individuals or the elderly?	Mike Wharton
3.	Could you please provide the contact email address for the person or team responsible for these services?	Dutyappointeeship5@wigan.gov.uk
4.	Does your council currently use a system specifically for managing appointeeship services? If so, could you please share the name of the system (e.g., Plianz, CasparGov)?	Plianz, CasparGov
5.	What is the annual budget allocated to appointeeship services within your Local Authority?	£462,000.00
6.	How does your Local Authority ensure compliance and safeguarding in the provision of appointeeship services?	The Appointeeship service has internal auditors to support the Appointees, also internal audit who also ensure the team follow protocols.
7.	Does your Local Authority use external providers for appointeeship services, or are these services managed in- house?	Some external providers, do manage the Appointeeships for the customers who they support
8.	Is there appetite to engage external Appointee Service Providers?	Not at the moment
9.	Whether this is on a paid or on a referral basis?	N/A

I would be grateful for any further information or relevant documents you can provide related to appointeeship services in your Local Authority