

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000032
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Agency Social Worker Numbers

Request:

- a. The overall spend in each financial year since 2010 on the cost of agency workers working in your local authorities' children's services department.

Listed below is the overall agency spend for the Council's Children & Young People's Service by financial year:

2010/11	£2,058,309
2011/12	£2,144,609
2012/13	£1,605,001
2013/14	£2,349,895
2014/15	£3,866,843
2015/16	£3,347,000 *

* Please note that the 2015/16 figures are provisional and will be finalised by the end of May 2016.

- b. What percentage of the staffing budget this accounted for in each year since 2010.

Based on the Overall Staffing Budget for the Council's Children and Young People's Service the percentages are as follows:

2010/11	12%
2011/12	11%
2012/13	8%
2013/14	12%
2014/15	17%
2015/16	17% *

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- c. How many FTE agency workers does your local authority have in this current financial year, and each year since 2010.

In respect of question c, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

- d. What, if any, reduction has been made to children's service's budgets in each financial year since 2010.

Listed below are the budgets for the Council's Children and Young People's Service from 2010 financial year to 2015:

2010/11	£30.0 million
2011/12	£33.1 million
2012/13	£35.5 million
2013/14	£42.3 million
2014/15	£50.4 million
2015/16	£51.8 million