

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000048
Date 7 April 2016

Children's Social Work Agency Costs

Request:

1. How many Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Qualified Locum agency Children's social workers has Wolverhampton City Council used between April 2015 and April 2016?

We can only give figures for how many Agency Social Workers we had in employment, in Children's Services at 31/03/2016 = 31.5 FTE

2. What was the total cost to your authority for using the above Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Qualified Locum agency social workers between April 2015 and April 2016?

We can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it on our website via the following links:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=9122&p=0>

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

3. What formal arrangements are in place with regards to temporary? Agency staffing, and if an arrangement is in place with whom? (i.e. managed service, PSL, etc.)
 - a) Temporary/fixed term contracts are recruited to by following the Councils recruitment and selection policy and procedures
 - b) Agency – The Council uses YOO Recruit Ltd and if they cannot supply they use The Agency Gateway (If an agency worker is still not provided a procurement exercise is conducted)
4. Who would deal with Children's Social Work permanent recruitment?
The relevant Council manager would follow the Councils recruitment and selection policy and procedures.