

Response to Request for Information

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Children's Library Service Spending

Request:

- The spending budget for the overall Public Library service year-on-year in the six-year period between 2010/11 and 2015/16. Secondly, a breakdown of how this budget was allocated, for example between staffing costs, book budgets, and other resources. When providing the book budget, please provide the different budgets for general resources or books aimed at adults and those aimed at children between the ages of 0-16.

Year	Staffing (£)	Other Resources (£)	Adult Books (£)	Children's Books (£)	Subscriptions, DVD/CD, online resources, downloads etc. (£)
2010/11	2,542,910	1,966,540	622,040 *		
2011/12	2,650,050	1,918,860	617,450 *		
2012/13	2,530,070	1,906,300	508,620 *		
2013/14	2,535,000	765,920	452,620 *		
2014/15	1,419,420	907,813	54,450	25,620	125,090
2015/16	1,038,817	745,392	57,100	28,250	139,810

In respect of your above question, where we have marked the boxes with an asterisk, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the information to provide a split over the categories relating to the years 2010/2014. 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".

However, we have provided figures that include all the categories without the split which we hope you will find useful.

2. The number of library staff employed year-on-year in the six-year period between 2010/11 and 2015/16. Secondly, a breakdown of the numbers of library staff employed as children's librarians/library assistants.

Year	Number of Staff Employed	Staff Employed as Children's Librarians/Library Assistants
2010	161	4
2011	169	1
2012	163	1
2013	164	1
2014	128	1
2015	74	0
2016	59	0

3. The opening hours for the overall library service, year-on-year in the six-year period between 2010/11 and 2015/16 and, if this differs, any further information on opening hours for children's library services.

Year	Total library opening hours
2010/11	691
2011/12	691
2012/13	691
2013/14	440
2014/15	440
2015/16	440