

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Adult Review & Reassessment Provision***

#### **Request:**

Please can you provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. How many reviews/reassessments were conducted during the period 01/01/16 to present by the following?
  - a. Council employed Social Workers/Reviewing Officers  
There were 3,061 Adult Reviews (excluding Carer's) which were conducted in the period from 1 January 2016 to the present date.
  - b. Independent Social Workers/Reviewing Officers (not employed directly by the local authority)  
We do not have any workers who are Independent Workers doing reviews or any reviews being undertaken by an Agency.
  - c. Reviews/reassessments allocated to 3rd part recruitment agency contractors/contracts  
As above.
2. Can you confirm how many Reviews/Reassessments to be undertaken are older the 12 months and fall outside of Care Act Compliance (Council Backlog)?  
There are 587 reviews/reassessments that are overdue (over 12 months old). We have based this on current service users who still have a "newly generated" review activity loaded against them which is before 30 June 2016.
3. The Total budget spend on Reviews/Reassessment between 01/01/2016 to present, broken down to include:
  - a. The total council spend on Reviews/Reassessments split between Council employed Social Workers/Reviewing Officers, Independent Social Workers/Reviewing Officers and/or recruitment agencies for the period 01/01/2016 to present  
We do not have a permanent Review/Reassessment Team these are undertaken in our Locality and Mental Health Teams. However, we had a specific project in 2016-2017 that addressed reviews. This was the New Ways of Working Team. The spend for 01 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 for the New Ways of Working Team was £283,000.

- b. Cost per Review/Reassessment for Council employed Social Workers/Reviewing Officers.  
£416 per review
  - c. Cost per Review/Reassessment for Independent Social Workers/Reviewing Officers d. Cost per Review/Reassessment for recruitment agency Social Workers/Reviewing Officers.  
N/A
4. The Total Review/Reassessment team budget for 2017-2018?  
As per other responses, we do not have a permanent Review/Reassessment Team. The 2017-2018 budget available for the Holistic Reviews (New Ways of Working – Phase 2) is £190,000. The 2017-2018 budget for the Supporting Life Choices reviews is £860,000.
5. Details of the current Review/Reassessment team members by name / job title and number of qualified Social Workers/Reviewing Officers working in your local authority. Please include contact details for the current Head of Adult Services and Review/Reassessment Team Manager?  
There is not a specific reviewing team in Wolverhampton and reviews should be carried out as business as usual within teams. There was an older peoples team (new ways of working team) who initially concentrated on a backlog of reviews that were more than (12) months out of date from April 2016. There were three social workers, two OT's and four non-social workers on the team. The team was made up of permanent staff but they were backfilled with agency.

Currently we do have two projects underway addressing reviews. Supporting Life Choices is led by June Pickersgill and Holistic reviews is being led by Sandra Ashton Jones and Louise Haughton.

In regards to contact details, this information is accessible via the following link below:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=10485&p=0>