

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 001575
Date 13 October 2017

Mental Health Issues

Request:

This request concerns mental health issues faced by social work staff at your authority.

1) Please state the number of:

- a) Qualified social workers
- b) All social work staff

at your authority who took long term sick leave, defined as being on leave for 28 or more calendar days (i.e., 4 working weeks) for any reason in each of the following financial years:

- i) 2012/13
- ii) 2013/14
- iii) 2014/15
- iv) 2015/16
- v) 2016/17
- vi) 2017/18 to 01/09/17

2) Please state the number of

- a) Qualified social workers
- b) All social work staff

at local authority who took long term sick leave, defined as being on leave for 28 or more calendar days (i.e., 4 working weeks) due to mental health issues, in each of the following financial years:

- i) 2012/13
- ii) 2013/14
- iii) 2014/15
- iv) 2015/16

- v) 2016/17
- vi) 2017/18 to 01/09/17

In response to questions 1 and 2, please see table below providing you with information.

Social Worker			All Social Work Staff		
Year	Overall	Mental Health	Year	Overall	Mental Health
2012/13	20	1	2012/13	48	1
2013/14	31	13	2013/14	82	29
2014/15	20	6	2014/15	65	22
2015/16	32	15	2015/16	65	25
2016/17	39	15	2016/17	71	21
2017/18	18	5	2017/18	38	11

3) Please state the number of permanent

- a) Qualified social workers
- b) All social work staff

at your authority who left your employment for any reason in each of the following financial years.

- i) 2012/13
- ii) 2013/14
- iii) 2014/15
- iv) 2015/16
- v) 2016/17
- vi) 2017/18 to 01/09/17

4) Please state the number of permanent

- a) Qualified social workers
- b) All social work staff

at your authority who left your employment due to mental health issues in each of the following financial years.

- i) 2012/13
- ii) 2013/14
- iii) 2014/15
- iv) 2015/16
- v) 2016/17
- vi) 2017/18 to 01/09/17

In response to questions 3 and 4, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold all of the above information. Consequently, we are unable to provide some of the 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, please see the table below providing you with information we can provide.

Social Worker			All Social Work Staff		
Year	Overall	Mental Health	Year	Overall	Mental Health
2012/13	n/a	n/a	2012/13	n/a	n/a
2013/14	n/a	n/a	2013/14	n/a	n/a
2014/15	30	n/a	2014/15	90	n/a
2015/16	29	n/a	2015/16	74	n/a
2016/17	31	n/a	2016/17	50	n/a
2017/18	23	n/a	2017/18	40	n/a