



Response to Request for Information

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Teachers and Social Care Workers Taking Leave for Mental Health-Related illnesses

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act can I ask for the following information on teaching staff and social care workers taking sick leave due to mental health-related illnesses (such as stress, depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, etc.)

By teaching staff I am referring to teaching staff at local authority-run primary and secondary schools in your area. I would like the information for all teachers and teaching assistance staff. This includes: teaching assistants, NQTs, teachers, middle management, senior management and head teachers.

By social care staff I am referring to staff employed by your council working in adult social care.

Please could I have information on:

1.
 - a) The total number of teaching staff employed at local-authority run schools in your area in the financial years 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17?
 - b) The number of calendar days teaching staff have taken off due to mental health-related illnesses in the financial years 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17?
 - c) The number of teaching staff who have taken a period of leave due to mental health-related illnesses of one month or more in the financial years 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17?

Following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above requested 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 Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("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".

To advise and assist you under Section 16 of the FOIA, you need to re-direct your enquiry to the relevant schools. For reference we have provided their link below:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/schools>

2.

- a) The number of social care staff employed by your council in the financial years 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17?
- b) The total number of calendar days that social care staff have taken off due to mental health-related illnesses in the financial years 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17?
- c) The number of social care staff who have taken a period of leave due to mental health-related illnesses of one month or more in the financial years 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17?

Information not available for 2013/14, however please find below response for 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17:

Year	Social Care Employees	MH Sick Days Lost	Employees more than 1 month MH Sick Leave
14/15	182	307	10
15/16	223	569	10
16/17	261	490	15