

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 001780
Date 12 December 2017

Vacancies - Teachers

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act can you provide me with the following information:

1. How many teacher vacancies are there currently in your local authority? Could I have this information for both primary and secondary schools please? For secondary schools, is it possible to advise how many of these vacancies are for maths, science, technology and English teachers separately.
2. How many supply teachers are there in your local authority? Do you have any vacancies for supply teachers? Could you please advise whether you have a shortage of supply teachers? Could I have this information for both primary and secondary schools please?
3. Have there been any cases in your local authority where schools have had to cancel lessons or full school days because of a lack of teachers? If so, how many cases have there been in this current school year? Could I please have this information for the last 5 years?
4. How many teachers in your local authority are currently off on long term sickness? Could you advise how many of these are off with stress or stress related illnesses? Could I please have this information for the last 5 years?
5. What is your current sickness rate?
6. How many teachers in the last academic year have taken early retirement due to ill health? Could I please have these figures for the last 5 years?
7. How much is your local authority budget for schools? Could I please have these figures for the last 5 years?

[The Local Authority Dedicated Schools Grant allocations \(before Academy recoupment\) for the last 5 years are:](#)

2017-18	£225.58 million
2016-17	£210.13 million
2015-16	£204.31 million
2014-15	£202.63 million
2013-14	£196.68 million

8. How much is your local authority capital budget for schools? Could I please have these figures for the last 5 years?

The capital budget is reviewed annually and rolled forward where appropriate, based on the outturn of the previous year. Therefore, it would not be presenting a true picture if the individual year's budgets were taken out of context. Therefore, the following information relates to the capital funding that was available each year – split between the amounts devolved to the schools for use within the school budget; the amount of capital grants made available to the Local Authority for expenditure on schools; and the contributions made by the Local Authority (from Borrowing or capital Receipts) in each year to support capital expenditure.

Year	Capital Grant (Devolved to Schools)	Centrally controlled capital grants (excluding Voluntary Aided Schools)	Local Authority Contribution (Borrowing and Capital receipts)	Total
2017-18	521,706	5,949,027	1,200,000	7,670,733
2016-17	541,909	9,480,551	28,886	10,051,346
2015-16	597,889	7,500,933	3,707,984	11,806,806
2014-15	656,158	3,893,499	5,196,240	9,745,897
2013-14	689,713	3,920,568	3,371,615	7,981,896

Please note:

- The Local Authority contribution for 2017-18 is a forecast, based on planned expenditure
- The above figures do not include any Building Schools for the Future Grant or expenditure.

9. How much have you spend on a) advertising and b) Re-advertising teaching posts?

Following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the requested information for questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9.

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>