

## Response to Request for Information

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### *Senior Interims*

#### **Request:**

I am conducting research into the use of senior interims in local government. By senior interims, I mean managers or leaders hired on non-permanent contracts through a recruitment business who are paid over £500 per day.

I would be grateful if you could provide answers to the following questions:

- 1      What was your total spend on interim executives for each of the past three financial years?

In respect of question 1, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we do not define interims as senior or not therefore we do not analyse spend to this level of detail.

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".

- 2      How many senior interims were employed in your organisation in each of the past three financial years?

In respect of question 2, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we do not analyse agency workers into specific categories and therefore cannot report on interims spend to this level of detail.

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:

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- 3 How many interims had daily pay rates in each of these pay bands:
- a. £500- £650
  - b. £651- £800
  - c. £801 or more

In respect of question 3, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we do not analyse agency workers into specific categories.

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:

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However, we have provided you with a snap shot of figures below on this given date only which we hope will be of use:

a. £500- £650	- 22
b. £651- £800	- 9
c. £801 or more	- 5

- 4 Please can you name the top five suppliers of senior interims (£500+ day rate) as rated by contract value, stating the total fees paid to each supplier in each of the last three years?

(Where a managed service provider (MSP)/neutral vendor framework is in situ, then please provide total spend within the 'Executive/Senior' interim category, or at £500+ day rate, whichever is easier.)

- 5 Please can you list the top five most costly interim contracts (for individual people or projects, not recruitment suppliers) in each of the past three years providing a) the total amount paid b) the job/project title?

In respect of questions 4 and 5, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we do not analyse agency workers into specific categories and therefore cannot report on interims.

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:

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