

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Youth Services***

#### **Request:**

I am writing to make a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, (Scotland) 2002 and Northern Ireland (2014).

1. For the financial year 2016/17:

- a. Overall budget for children and young people's services? [The controllable 2016-2017 budget for services currently under the remit of the Director of Children's Services was £49.6 million](#)
- b. Overall budget for children and young people's services for ages 13-19 and young people up to age 25 with a disability if recorded? [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".](#)

- c. Overall reduction in expenditure, to the nearest £'000, (compared to 2015/16) on children and young people services: [The total reduction in controllable actual expenditure for services currently under the remit of the Director of Children's Services was £4,394.000. We are not able to break down expenditure as per requirements below.](#)
  - I. Council provided services
  - II. Alternative providers (i.e. voluntary and community sector or other organisations supporting young people)
- d. Overall reduction in expenditure, to the nearest £000 (compared to 2015/16), in the budget for children and young people's services for ages 13-19 and young people up to age 25 with a disability if recorded? [As per question 1b](#)

- I. Council provided services
  - II. Alternative providers (i.e. voluntary and community sector or other organisations supporting young people)
- e. Overall reduction in the number of directly employed youth workers and youth support workers (Head count/FTE)? [The Youth Service closed in 2014 and since then there have been 2 Youth Support Workers working within the Specialist Support Function. There has been no reduction in headcount. Since 2012/13 and ongoing, the Council has made revenue and capital contributions to 'The Way' Wolverhampton Youth Zone.](#)
- f. Overall reduction (compared to 2015/16) in:
- I. Number of youth centres  
[2014-2015 = 15](#)  
[2015-2016 = 0](#)  
[2016-2017 = 0](#)  
[2017-2018 = 0](#)  
[Since 2012/13 and ongoing the Council has made revenue and capital contributions to 'The Way' Wolverhampton Youth Zone Voluntary and third sector provision of youth service still operate with the City.](#)
  - II. Number of allocated places for young people in youth centres (if recorded)  
[As per question 1b](#)
- 2 For the financial year 2017/18:
- a. Overall budget for children and young people's services? [The controllable 2017-2018 budget for services currently under the remit of the Director of Children's Services was £48.4 million.](#)
  - b. Overall budget for children and young people's services for ages 13-19 and young people up to age 25 with a disability if recorded? [As per question 1b.](#)
  - c. Overall reduction in expenditure, to the nearest £'000, (compared to 2016/17) on children and young people services: [No reduction in total controllable actual expenditure.](#)
    - I. Council provided services
    - II. Alternative providers (i.e. voluntary and community sector or other organisations supporting young people)
  - d. Overall reduction in expenditure, to the nearest £000 (compared to 2016/17), in the budget for children and young people's services for ages 13-19 and young people up to age 25 with a disability if recorded? [As per question 1b.](#)

- I. Council provided services
  - II. Alternative providers (i.e. voluntary and community sector or other organisations supporting young people)
- e. Overall reduction in the number of directly employed youth workers and youth support workers (Head count/FTE)? [There has been no reduction in headcount.](#)
- f. Overall reduction (compared to 2016/17) in:
- I. Number of youth centres. [As shown in Q1](#)
  - II. Number of allocated places for young people in youth centres (if recorded). [As shown in Q1](#)
- 3 For the financial year 2018/19:
- a. Overall budget for children and young people's services? [The controllable 2018-2019 budget for services currently under the remit of the Director of Children's Services is £50.2 million.](#)
- b. Overall budget for children and young people's services for ages 13-19 and young people up to age 25 with a disability if recorded? [As per question 1b.](#)
- c. Overall reduction in expenditure, to the nearest £'000, (compared to 2017/18) on children and young people services: [Financial year 2018/2019 not yet complete.](#)
- I. Council provided services
  - II. Alternative providers (i.e. voluntary and community sector or other organisations supporting young people)
- d. Overall reduction in expenditure, to the nearest £000 (compared to 2017/18), in the budget for children and young people's services for ages 13-19 and young people up to age 25 with a disability if recorded? [As per question 1b.](#)
- I. Council provided services
  - II. Alternative providers (i.e. voluntary and community sector or other organisations supporting young people)
- e. Overall reduction in the number of directly employed youth workers and youth support workers (Head count/FTE)? [There has been no reduction in headcount.](#)
- f. Overall reduction (compared to 2017/18) in:
- I. Number of youth centres – [As shown in Q1](#)

II. Number of allocated places for young people in youth centres (if recorded) – [As shown in Q1](#)

- 4 What is the current balance of expenditure between council provided services and alternative provision of children and young people services (with a focus on a budget for ages 13-19 and young people up to age 25 with a disability if recorded)?  
[It has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information to granular level requested.](#)
- 5 Please state whether directly employed youth workers are employed on JNC, NJC, SJC, or other terms and conditions (please specify):
- a. JNC for Youth and Community Workers
  - b. [National Joint Council \(NJC\)](#)
  - c. Scottish Joint Council (SJC)
  - d. Other (please specify)
  - e. No direct youth provision
- 6 Please supply a copy of the current youth service staffing structure showing the grade and rate of pay, gender and race for each post. Please attach a copy of this separately to your email response and state below whether it is attached or not.  
[We can confirm that as the Youth Service ceased some time ago, there is no current structure available.](#)