

From: Freedom of Information Requests

Sent: 10 October 2025 13:20

To:

Subject: FOI Response -

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 22 September 2025 for information about social workers. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

1. The total number of agency social workers currently engaged across all areas of Children's Services.

Response: 25

2. The total expenditure on agency social worker positions within Children's Services between August 2024 and August 2025.

Response: 2024/25 QTR 2 to 2025/26 QTR 2 = £0.42m

3. The total number of vacant permanent social worker posts within Children's Services as at the date of this request.

Response: 31

4. The total number of agency social workers currently engaged across all areas of Adult Services.

Response: 18

5. The total expenditure on agency social worker positions within Adult Services between August 2024 and August 2025.

Response: 2024/25 QTR 2 to 2025/26 QTR 2 = £0.3m

6. The total number of vacant permanent social worker posts within Adult Services as at the date of this request.

Response: 29

7. Please list the agencies used by the authority to source agency social workers.

Response: This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of information Act. Section 21 exempts information from the right of access if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. In this case the information is available on our website here: [Supplying the Council - Procurement - City of Doncaster Council](#)

8. Does the local authority currently engage directly with any agencies for the supply of permanent staff?

Response: Our MPS Contract found here: [Supplying the Council - Procurement - City of Doncaster Council](#) includes Permanent recruitment as and when needed

9. Please list the agencies used by the authority to source permanent social workers.

Response: This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of information Act. Section 21 exempts information from the right of access if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. In this case the information is available on our website here: [Supplying the Council - Procurement - City of Doncaster Council](#)

10. Please arrange the answer to 8) to show the number of social workers currently engaged, from each agency, as at the date of this request.

Response: Via our MSP the following perm hires have been made- This only include those that have started in post and not any currently at any stage of the recruitment process

		Childrens	Adults		
1	April	2024	-	31	March
2025	2 5				
1	April	2025	-	30	June
2025	3 0				
Via	Shared	Vision	Agency	-	
18					

I hope that this information is useful to you.

The City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £98 to respond to this request for information.

Reviewing any decisions made:

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. www.ico.org.uk Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours faithfully,

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