



## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Contract of Supply for Agency Social Work Staff***

#### **Request and response in 'blue':**

We would like to establish some information regarding contract of supply for agency social work staff in both children's and adults services and we would be grateful if you could answer the following questions for us;

1. Do you have contract of supply in place for temporary agency labour within children's and adults services?  
**Yes. YOO Recruit.**
2. When did this contract start and when does it expire?  
**YOO recruit agency (owned by the council) was established in 2014 to provide agency workers to the council. Currently YOO has a second tier contract with Liquid Personnel to provide Social Care agency workers. The contract for this second tier contract is now out for tender.**
3. How much temporary agency labour spend has there been in the authority outside of the temporary agency contract from 1st April 2014-30th April 2015? (please state the figure for children's and adults services and the agencies the spend is with.)  
**The figure for the Children's element for agency is £3.8 million.**
4. How many temporary Qualified Social Workers does the authority currently have deployed across Children's Services?  
**57.5 FTE**
5. How many temporary Qualified Social Workers does the authority currently have deployed across Adults Services?  
**There are 2 recorded temporary (fixed term) qualified social workers in Adult Services**
6. How many temporary Occupational Therapists does the authority currently have deployed across adults and children's services?  
**None**
7. How much agency spend has there been in the authority for Qualified Social

Workers within the current contract? (Please list the agencies the spend is with and in order)

We can confirm that the Council holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 allows a public authority to refuse a request if the cost of providing the information to the applicant would exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information.

The Regulations provide that the appropriate limit to be applied to requests received by local authorities is £450 (equivalent to 18 hours of work). In estimating the cost of complying with a request for information, an authority can only take into account any reasonable costs incurred in:

- (a) Determining whether it holds the information,*
  - (b) Locating the information, or a document which may contain the information,*
  - (c) Retrieving the information, or a document which may contain the information,*
- and*
- (d) Extracting the information from a document containing it.*

*For the purposes of the estimate the costs of performing these activities should be estimated at a rate of £25 per hour.*

The information appertaining to how much spend there has been within the authority for Qualified Social Workers is not held centrally. To get the information would require a full scale look into all purchase orders and invoices, over 2,700. This would be a manual exercise to retrieve, scrutinise each record, determine and extract necessary information. As such we believe that the aggregated time it would take to collate the information would be in excess of 18 hours (equivalent to a notional cost of £450).