

FOI Request - Children's Services – 101003279521

Data

1. The rate of Children in Need per 1000 in your area on 31 March for the preceding five years. 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 & 2017/18 – excluding children on a Child Protection Plan and Looked After Children

31 Mar 17/18	31 Mar 18/19	31 Mar 19/20	31 Mar 20/21	31 Mar 21/22
455/18,312 = 24.84	819 /18,293 = 44.77	477 /18,204 = 26.20	409/18,093 = 22.60	420/18,093* = 23.21

*mid-year pop 0-17 estimates for 21/22 not released at this point in time.

Leadership

2. The name of the Statutory Chief Social Work Officer – Tracy Stephen
3. How long the Statutory Director of Social Services has been in this post at your authority. – 07/11/2022
4. The name of the Convenor for Children's Services - Cllr Kathleen Robertson and Depute Chair Cllr Bridget Mustard
5. The name of the Chair of your Local Safeguarding Children Board / Committee
Fred McBride (independent chair for both the Child and Adult Protection Committees)

Finance

6. The budget for children and young people's services (excluding education) in this financial year and the preceding five years. 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 & 2017/18
Workforce
2022/23 £18,815,087
2021/22 £19,912,574
2020/21 £19,818,891
2019/20 £19,469,139

Our Financial Management System does not hold the prior years.

Workforce

7. Total FTE Children's Social Workers (not including Senior Social Workers or Team Leaders)
2018 - Social Workers - 75
2019 - Social Workers - 73
2020 - Social Workers - 74
2021 - Social Workers - 72
2022 - Social Workers - 67
8. Total FTE Senior Social Workers and Team Leaders
2018 Team Leaders/Team Managers - 19
2019 Team Leaders/Team Managers - 21
2020 Team Leaders/Team Managers - 23
2021 Team Leaders/Team Managers - 22
2022 Team Leaders/Team Managers – 22
9. Total FTE Newly Qualified Social Workers in role for less than 2 years

This is not something we record so would not be able to provide an accurate response

10. % Turnover rate
HR calculate the turnover rate for the whole of the Service, not just Social Workers
11. % Agency worker rate
Justice – no agency workers
Placement – 3.33%
West: no agency workers
East: 8%
12. % Vacancy rate
Justice – they have a vacancy for a Service Manager and half a post for a Social Worker
Placement – 0%
West - If at 31/3/23 date 6.8 FTE out of possible 21.2 = 32%.
East: 24%
13. % Absence rate
HR calculate the absence rate for the whole of the Service, not just Social Workers

Caseloads

Area Teams – East/West/Placement/Reviewing/Access East West

Caseloads

14. Number of cases held by children's social workers on the date of this request

East 166	West 303	Placement Services 116	Youth Justice 48	Access 249
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15. Number of cases held by children's social workers on 31 March for the preceding five years. 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 & 2017/18

	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18
Access	234	168	160	159	178
West	318	281	267	258	271
East	163	122	123	140	142
Placement	114	110	94	81	81
Youth Justice	52	44	48	49	50

16. The average number of cases held by individual social workers on the date of this request.
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17. The average number of cases held by individual social workers on 31 March for the preceding five years. 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 & 2017/18

	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18
	11.4 average	10.9 average	9.5 average	9.6 average	11 average

Reviews

18. The Number of Initial Case Reviews undertaken the preceding five years. 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 & 2017/18
19. The Number of Significant Case Reviews/Learning Reviews undertaken the preceding five years. 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 & 2017/18

Type of review undertaken	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Initial Case Review	1	2	1	2		
Significant Case Review/Learning Review			1			2