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Colindale,
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Our ref: 5791869

Thank you for your request received on 13 November 2019, for the following information:

Please can you help me with the following Freedom of Information Act request?

- In the financial year 2009/10, or if this information is not held in the most recent year prior to 2018/19 for which figures are available, how many School Crossing Patrol Officers (or persons with equivalent job titles) were employed by the authority?

- How many Full Time Equivalent hours did they work over the course of the year?

- How many School Crossing Patrol Officers (or persons with equivalent job titles) were employed by the authority in 2018/19?

- How many Full Time Equivalent hours did they work over the course of the year?

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

- In the financial year 2009/10, or if this information is not held in the most recent year prior to 2018/19 for which figures are available, how many School Crossing Patrol Officers (or persons with equivalent job titles) were employed by the authority?

2014 - 3
2015 - 4
2016 - 4
2017 - 4

- How many Full Time Equivalent hours did they work over the course of the year?

The SCPO's in Barnet usually undertake the role as part of the overall position such as Caretaker or Teaching Assistant. They typically work between 8 -10 hours per week in their SCP role.

- How many School Crossing Patrol Officers (or persons with equivalent job titles) were employed by the authority in 2018/19?

We do not hold the information you request regarding School Crossing Patrol Officers during the financial year of 2009/10. Since March 2011, Barnet Council ceased to employ School Crossing Patrols. At that point, there were four schools with a SCPO employed by the Authority. SCPOs are currently employed directly by schools and Barnet Council provide the training, uniform and monitoring.

- How many Full Time Equivalent hours did they work over the course of the year?

We do not hold this information as schools can employ a School Crossing Patrol Officer (SCPO) without informing the Since 2011 School crossing patrol officers (SCPO's) have been paid for by the individual schools, with the exception of one school where the post is sponsored by a local business.

You will need to contact schools directly.

Please see the link below:

https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizenhome/directories/Directories.html?_pecid=373ac375-9115-4d18-8a58-ce6098691e0a&directoryId=54e3852a84ae7c28725849d1&list=true

Schools (including academies) are considered under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to be public authorities in their own rights, and are subject to the FOIA in the same way as the council (albeit with different timescales to meet). It is therefore correct that the council does not hold this information, and that individual schools would need to be contacted .

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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