

2 January 2020
Our ref: 5895932

Thank you for your request received on 19 December 2019, for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

- 1. The number of social workers currently working for the authority**
- 2. The number of these social workers that are either contingent or temporary**
- 3. The total yearly spend on these contingent or temporary social workers**
- 4. Do you have an apprenticeship scheme in place**
- 5. If yes to No. 4, how many apprentices do you currently have?**
- 6. If yes to No. 4, which service areas/departments are these apprentices working in?**

I would appreciate it if you could you provide the information requested in the form of an email response.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below:-

1. The number of social workers currently working for the authority

We currently employ 157 Social Workers directly via London Borough of Barnet within roles in our Social Work Career Grade structure.

2. The number of these social workers that are either contingent or temporary

In addition to the above we also contract 91 workers via employment agencies.

3. The total yearly spend on these contingent or temporary social workers

£4,323,801 per annum.

4. Do you have an apprenticeship scheme in place

Yes

5. If yes to No. 4, how many apprentices do you currently have?

Currently at 77 but this is due to change to 65 in January as completions are going through this month.

6. If yes to No. 4, which service areas/departments are these apprentices working in?

Community Schools, Finance, Street Scene, Adults, Audit, Performance and Improvement

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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