

Reference: RFI 1710054

**Request:**

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act.

This request concerns mental health issues faced by social work staff at your authority.

1) Please state the number of:

- a) Qualified social workers
- b) All social work staff

at your authority who took long term sick leave, defined as being on leave for 28 or more calendar days (i.e., 4 working weeks) for any reason in each of the following financial years:

- i) 2012/13
- ii) 2013/14
- iii) 2014/15

For the above 3 years this information is not available in the format requested, in order to provide this we would have to look at each individual record of the staff in the service areas in order to determine if they fit the required criteria. This would take over the 18 hours limit.

- iv) 2015/16 – a) 8 b) 36
- v) 2016/17 – a) 19 b) 92
- vi) 2017/18 to 01/09/17 – a) 16 b) 33

2) Please state the number of

- a) Qualified social workers
- b) All social work staff

at local authority who took long term sick leave, defined as being on leave for 28 or more calendar days (i.e., 4 working weeks) due to mental health issues, in each of the following financial years:

- i) 2012/13
- ii) 2013/14
- iii) 2014/15

For the above 3 years this information is not available in the format requested, in order to provide this we would have to look at each individual record of the staff in the service areas in order to determine if they fit the required criteria. This would take over the 18 hours limit.

- iv) 2015/16 – a) 2 b) 30

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- v) 2016/17 – a) 11 b) 34
- vi) 2017/18 to 01/09/17 – a) 6 b) 12

3) Please state the number of permanent

- a) Qualified social workers
- b) All social work staff

at your authority who left your employment for any reason in each of the following financial years.

- i) 2012/13 – a) 30 b) 218
- ii) 2013/14 – a) 37 b) 183
- iii) 2014/15 – a) 25 b) 227
- iv) 2015/16 – a) 23 b) 216
- v) 2016/17 – a) 36 b) 235
- vi) 2017/18 to 01/09/17 – a) 18 b) 65

4) Please state the number of permanent

- a) Qualified social workers
- b) All social work staff

at your authority who left your employment due to mental health issues in each of the following financial years.

We are unable to provide this information as we do not hold it in the format requested. In order to provide we would have to look at each individual case and use all records available to determine the actual reason for leaving. Thus over the 18 hours limit.

- i) 2012/13
- ii) 2013/14
- iii) 2014/15
- iv) 2015/16
- v) 2016/17
- vi) 2017/18 to 01/09/17