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Dear C McEwan

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

- 1. Does your Local Authority presently employ Education Counsellors* (rather than 'buying in' such a service from an external provider)?**
 - 2. If the answer to Question 1 is 'yes', please state for each Education Counsellor employed by the Local Authority:**
 - **Whether they have been deemed to be eligible to join the Teachers Pension Scheme and**
 - **The date when they joined the Teachers Pension Scheme**
 - **Whether they are employed on Teachers Terms and Conditions of Employment**
 - 3. If your Local Authority does not presently employ Education Counsellors have they done so in the past?**
 - 4. If the answer to Question 3 is 'yes', please state for each School Counsellor employed by the Local Authority since 31 March 2004:**
 - **Whether they were deemed to be eligible to join the Teachers Pension Scheme and**
 - **When they joined the Teachers Pension Scheme**
- * Education Counsellors meaning those employed to support pupils in education. My only definition is that they are employed as specialist education/school counsellors with a counselling qualification.**

They are not employed to undertake any other function but as specialist counsellors.

The answer on behalf of Primary Behaviour Support Service, Secondary Behaviour Support Service, the Education Welfare Service and Psychology Service, is no, not now or previously. Although schools use counsellors, the local authority does not directly employ them.

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Yours sincerely

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