

Dear Rob,

Further to your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act dated 21 April 2021, I write to confirm the following information:

1. How many qualified social workers were working on a temporary (agency) basis at the Council on 1st April 2021, split by: Children's / Adult Services.

The number of qualified agency social workers engaged via the matrix system on 1 April 2021 was as follows:

Children's Services – 23 employees

Adult Services – 3 employees

2. What was the total spend by your organisation on temporary (agency) social work professionals during the financial year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021?

The Council spend on agency social workers from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 was as follows:

Children's Services - £1,674,192.75

Adult Services - £137,078.98

If you require further information please contact katiecullen@sthelens.gov.uk

Many Thanks
Ste Rigby
HR Manager