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Dear Lincoln Rogers

### **Re: Information Request**

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 06 August 2021.  
This information is being provided as a statutory obligation under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### **Your request**

Can you please provide me with up-to-date information for the following questions:

1. How many teams are there are in Southwark's Adult Social Work Service? Also, what are the teams' names? For example, Mental Health Team, Learning Disabilities Team etc.
2. How many Locum workers are working for the authority in adult social work?
3. How many recruitment companies does Southwark have on their preferred supplier list to find Social Workers? What are the companies names?
4. The full directory list of Senior Management, Service Managers and Team Managers in adult social work teams.

### **Our response**

1. Under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The Council publishes its structure chart on our website and this can be accessed via the link below.  
<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/about-southwark-council?chapter=2>  
Information on the team names can be found on the structure charts for Adults Social Care using the link below:

[http://orgstructure.southwark.gov.uk/publishedcharts/orgstructure.Southwark.dll?Frame&top=7&style=3&drill=1&group\\_chart=0&levels=2&file=orgstructure.Southwark.ocs&GROUPDEF=&SEARCH\\_SORT=7&SEARCH\\_SORT\\_DIR=1&SEARCH\\_PAGE=1&SEARCH\\_UNDER=0&SEARCH\\_OFFSET=0&SEARCH\\_PAGE\\_OFFSET=0&ZOC\\_DIMMING=0&](http://orgstructure.southwark.gov.uk/publishedcharts/orgstructure.Southwark.dll?Frame&top=7&style=3&drill=1&group_chart=0&levels=2&file=orgstructure.Southwark.ocs&GROUPDEF=&SEARCH_SORT=7&SEARCH_SORT_DIR=1&SEARCH_PAGE=1&SEARCH_UNDER=0&SEARCH_OFFSET=0&SEARCH_PAGE_OFFSET=0&ZOC_DIMMING=0&)

2. 32 as at 5 July 2021
3. The council has a single agreement with Comensura for the supply of agency workers who are engaged on a vendor neutral basis. The latter means that the council does not have a direct relationship with employment businesses/ agencies nor does it hold a list of those supplying.
4. Information on some Council officers, such as those in senior positions, will be published ad-hoc on our website and can be accessed by searching their job title. The Council does not publish details of all staff, as information on junior officers is considered personal data. Information on post holders whose details have not already been published has been withheld pursuant to section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and doesn't require consideration of the public interest test.

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If you are not content with the outcome of your appeal you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted our internal appeal procedure and you should contact her within two months of the outcome of the internal review. Further information on the Freedom of Information Act is available through the Information Commissioner's website at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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