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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Request Reference No. 20220905005

I refer to your request of 05/09/2022

In regards to part of questions 2, Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 provides that Scottish public authorities are not obliged to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed such amount as may be prescribed in regulations made by the Scottish Ministers. The prescribed amount is currently £600. It is estimated that the cost of complying with this part of your request would exceed £600.

I therefore refuse this part of your request.

The information which I can provide is contained in the document attached.

I am seeking information relating to the use of agency social workers within the Council. Please could I ask you to supply the below information for the 2021 calendar year;

1) The number of agency social workers used in

- (a) Adult Services
- (b) Children and Families
- (c) Criminal Justice

2) A breakdown of the agencies used, spend per agency, and the volume of workers engaged from each

Your Right to Appeal

If you are unhappy with this reply you may require the Council to review its actions and decisions in relation to your request.

The requirement for review must:-

- be in writing or other permanent form (please address it to me);
- state your name and give an address for correspondence;
- specify the original request for information and the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction; and
- be made within 40 working days of the date of this response, although the Council may, if it considers it appropriate to do so, consider requirements for review after that time has passed.

Your requirement for review will be dealt with by a Senior Officer who will reply to you in writing promptly and in any event within 20 working days. He/she may:-

- confirm my decision with or without modification;
- substitute a different decision for my decision;

and will give you their reasons for so doing. If you are unhappy with the Senior Officers decision you may then appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. You must submit your appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months of receiving the Senior Officers decision. Further details on the Scottish Information Commissioner's appeal procedure can be found using the direct link www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal or email xxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx or telephone (01334) 464610 or write to Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

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Yours faithfully

Kenneth McKaig

Legal Manager