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People and Communities - Adult Services - Information requests  
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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and some of the information you requested is not held by North Somerset Council. This will be indicated against the relevant question.

I have detailed below the information that is held.

**1. How many assessments under the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards were conducted during the period 01/05/2009 to 01/05/2017 by the following:**

	<b>2009-2010</b>	<b>2010 - 2011</b>	<b>2011 - 2012</b>	<b>2012 - 2013</b>	<b>2013 - 2014</b>	<b>2014 - 2015</b>	<b>2015 - 2016</b>	<b>2016 - 2017</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>
Council BIA Assessment	17	32	50	66	79	216	344	434	197
Independent BIA's Assessment	0	0	1	0	1	39	20	32	13
MHA Assessments	9	24	41	45	63	345	483	568	253
Allocated 3rd Party recruitment agency contracts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	26	56	92	111	143	600	847	1034	463

**2. Total spend on the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards from 01/05/2009 to 01/05/2017 broken down to include:**

**The total council spend on DoLs assessments split between employed Best Interest Assessors, Independent Best Interest Assessors, Mental health Assessors and/or recruitment agencies for the period 01/05/2009 to 01/05/2017.**

Information for all the years requested is not available as prior to April 2013 the DoLs office did not have its own internal cost code, and as it is also part of the wider Safeguarding Adults and roles/responsibilities are split. These have been made clearer in recent years. The information we have available is noted below:

	<b>BIA's (in house)</b>	<b>BIA's (external)</b>	<b>MHA's</b>
2014 / 2015	Not Available	£10,597.13	£53,266.64
2015 / 2016	£129,637	£8,321.74	£51,076.59
2016 / 2017	£198,084	£5,911.33	£58,234.80
2017 /2018 to 1/5/17	£33,013 (est)	£322.14	£5,942.72

### **Price paid per BIA assessment**

We pay £240 for each ADASS Form 3 completed plus mileage (regardless of whether the capacity assessment has been completed). This price is subject to negotiation and we will often pay more when commissioning assessors who are out of county. The majority of our independent assessors are out of county.

### **Price paid per Mental health Assessment for DoLs**

We pay £175 for each Form 4 completed and mileage (regardless of whether the capacity assessment has been completed)

### **Total DoLs Team budget for 2017/18**

No budget has been set for DoLs work this year

**Details of the current DoLs Team members by name, job title and number of qualified Best Interest Assessors working in your local authority. Please include contact details for the current MCA/DoLs Service Lead and DoLs Team Manager.**

The MCA/DoLs Manager is Dameon Caddy, [xxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx), telephone 01275 885 285, address: Post Point 22, Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1UJ.

We do not release the names of team members below Team Manager level, but numbers of staff and job titles are as follows

Care Team:

- 1 x Senior Safeguarding Adults Officer (MCD/DoLs)
- 2 x Safeguarding Adults Officer

BIA Pool (workers in other teams carrying out assessments in addition to main role):

- 7 x BIAs in Mental Health Team (AWP)
- 3 x BIAs in Learning Disability Team (NSC)
- 8 x BIAs in Adult Social Care (NSC)
- 1 x BIA in core Safeguarding Team (NSC)
- 5 x BIAs from other health settings (WAHT, NSCP)

in writing, and within 40 calendar days of this response being issued to you. When requesting an internal review, please include your reference number, the date of your original request and your contact details. Please also include an explanation of why you are dissatisfied with our response. Requests for an internal review should be sent to:

Information Governance  
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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.  
Phone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

Christine Coomber  
Directorate Governance Co-ordinator