

East Lothian Council

FOI Ref: 2015/472(8097)

Can you please provide, under the provisions of FOI, details of the following:

1. The number of employees in your authority that are employed to undertake criminal investigations.

2. Details of the designation of all of the above employees.

3. The number of the above employees who have undertaken training in respect of Part 6 of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010.

4. If any of the above employees have not undertaken training in respect of Part 6 of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 please provide details of procedures in place to reduce the risk of miscarriages of justice occurring.

5. The number of employees who are trained to perform the role of:

***Senior Investigating Officer
Reviewing Officer
Reporting Officer***

Food and Safety Section:

- 1) 6 employees are employed to undertake criminal investigations.
- 2) These employees are classed as follows:

Acting Principal Environmental Health Officer
2 Senior Environmental Health Officers
2 Food Safety Officers
1 Enforcement Officer

With regards to questions 3 - 5, all our reports are submitted to the Procurator Fiscal for their attention. As part of this, we have attended Crown Office Training and each officer has access to the Enforcement Handbook Scotland which is available on a closed website called Extranet.

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Environmental Protection:

- 1) There are 4 employees who are employed to undertake criminal investigations.
- 2) 2 Principal Environmental Protection Officers, 2 Environmental Protection Officers
- 3 & 4) No formal training has been undertaken. All reports are submitted to the Procurator Fiscal for his decision.
- 5) No formal training has been given.

Landlord Registration:

- 1 Landlord Registration and HMO Licensing Officer

Trading Standards:

- 1) There are 5 employees who are employed to undertake criminal investigations.
- 2) 1 Principal Trading Standards Officer, 4 Enforcement officers
- 3 & 4) No formal training has been undertaken. All reports are submitted to the Procurator Fiscal for his decision.
- 5) No formal training has been given.

Planning and Building Control:

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2. Team Manager – Building Standards, Service Manager - Planning, Principal Planner, Senior Planners, Planners and Enforcement Planner.
3. None
4. In-house legal advice. Also statutory guidelines.
5. N/A