

## Information Requests

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Dear Sir/Madam

## Freedom of Information Act 2000

I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Somerset County Council. Our answers are underneath your questions as follows

### Your Request:

I would like to request the information under the freedom of information (FOI) statistical information for the following Financial Years 2014-15, 2016-17 and 2017-18 April to August only.

The number of social workers employed by Children's Services who have be subject to disciplinary action on the following criteria:

**Question A.** Failure to declare conflicts of interest

**Answer A.** None during the time periods that you have specified

**Question B.** Failure to declare acceptance of gifts or services which exceeds the authority limits.

**Answer B.** None during the time periods that you have specified.

**Question C.** The number of social workers employed either as council employed - permanent, agency , or under contractual arrangements who have accessed confidential case notes without an acceptable reason to do so.

**Answer C.** None during the time periods that you have specified

**Question D.** Please provide details of governance arrangements for when these official documents within the selected years these polices were reviewed , including the governance to ensure adherence.

I sought clarification of this question from you on 29 September as I was not clear what information you required, and suggested the following paraphrase:

**“Copies of all policies and procedures and governance arrangements that are intended to ensure that social workers 1. declare conflicts of interest, 2. do not accept gifts, and 3. do not access confidential client information without acceptable reasons.”**

As I have not heard from you I assume this accurately reflects the information that you are seeking.

**Answer D.**

Please see attached called : 2867765\_attachment 1.

**Please quote the reference number 2867765 in any future communications.**

If you feel your request has not been answered in sufficient detail, or if you wish to clarify the information given, please contact me, and I will be happy to address the issues you raise.

Alternatively, if you are not satisfied with our response you may request an internal review. This is an independent investigation into the handling of your request, which is carried out by the Information Governance Team. The conclusions of this investigation, and if applicable, a fresh decision about the information to be provided, should be sent to you within twenty working days of receipt of the internal review request.

To request an Internal Review please respond to the email that this response was attached to detailing why you are not satisfied, and your request will be dealt with by the information governance team.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may then appeal directly to the Information Commissioner's Office with your complaint.

The Information commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Web address: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

Simon Butt  
Information Request Officer