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Our ref: 780529

Your ref:

Date: 20 August 2015

Dear Ms Bernardes,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I can confirm that your request for information, received on 21 July 2015, has been considered by Warwickshire County Council. Please accept my apologies for the delay in our providing a response to your request, and for any inconvenience this has caused. However I hope the information now being provided is still of help and interest to you.

I have detailed below the information that is being released to you. You asked us:

1. The number of full time equivalent members of staff employed centrally by the council with responsibility for Special Educational Needs (SEN/SEND) during each of the years: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 in the following:

a. working with more than one LA school and based in a Local Authority office

Numbers have not grown or declined in the years 2010 to 2015 across Warwickshire in the following:

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Approximately 20 Educational Psychologists, 24 Specialist Teachers and 27 specialist TAs for learning and behaviour needs.

From 2011 the figures for staff for low incidence special needs - ASD, sensory impairments, complex learning needs, physical needs, speech and language have been:

2011: 66.45 fte
2012: 63.3 fte
2013: 64.2 fte
2014: 55.7 fte
2015: 55.1 fte

The team of SEND Assessment and Review Officers has grown from 6 2010 -2014 to 8 2014/15.

b. working with more than one LA school and based elsewhere

2010: 0
2011: 0
2012: 0
2013: 0
2014: 0
2015: 0

c. working in one LA school for that school

Warwickshire Schools have a Special Education Needs Coordinator who either already holds the National SENCO Award or is working towards it in the next 3 years. This is a national expectation and Ofsted inspected.

2. The numbers of full time equivalent members of staff who are dyslexia and literacy specialists employed by the council in each of the following years: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 in the following:

a. working with more than one LA school and based in a Local Authority office

16 fte. This is a traded service and number has remained constant within a 0.1 - 0.7 fte

b. working with more than one LA school and based elsewhere

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2010: 0
2011: 0
2012: 0
2013: 0
2014: 0
2015: 0

c. working in one LA school for that school

This information is unknown and not held by Warwickshire County Council, although schools, particularly in the Secondary sector, often directly employ specialists.

You will need to approach individual schools directly for this information. Contact details are available from the "Warwickshire Direct Website":

<https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/FindASchool>

3. The amount of hours contracted to external specialists (for example but not limited to consultants/educational psychologists etc) employed by the council in each of the following years: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

2010: 0
2011: 0
2012: 0
2013: 0
2014: Interim Service Manager for IDS (March 2014 to September 2015)
2015: External Specialist Consultant. 3½ days over the year.

4. The job specification for the person responsible for:

a. Managing SEN/D provision for the LA

Appendix A (attached to our covering e-mail) is a Job Specification for the Service Manager. Technically, SEND provision is managed by the provider (Head teacher and Governors or Sponsors if Academies)

b. Compiling the Local Offer for the LA

Local Offer, compiled through the SEND Reform Board which is multi agency comprising health, education, social care and parent representatives.

5. The qualifications held by the person responsible for the following role in each

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of the following years: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015:

a. Managing SEN/D provision for the LA

Please see Appendix A, attached to our covering e-mail).

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

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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

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Sheward
Information Rights Officer

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