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Our Ref:E23862

Date:25th August
2015

Ask for: Information Governance

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Dear Ms Bernardes,

Freedom of Information Act 2000
Request for Information: Information Provided
Please quote our reference: E23862
Subject: SEN Support

We write with regard to your recent enquiry for information held by the Council under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We trust that the information provided is satisfactory. You are free to use the information for your personal use only. Any other type of re-use, for example, publishing the information or issuing copies to the public will require permission of the copyright owner. If the Council is the copyright owner, a licence can be applied for under the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005.

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It is important to note that under the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003 the Council asks not to receive unsolicited marketing communication.

Request

Please send me:

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
 - b. working with more than one LA school and based elsewhere
 - c. working in one LA school for that school

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, and 2015 in the following:
 - a. working with more than one LA school and based in a Local Authority office
 - b. working with more than one LA school and based elsewhere
 - c. working in one LA school for that school
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, and 2015
4. The job specification for the person responsible for:
 - a. Managing SEN/D provision for the LA
 - b. Compiling the Local Offer for the LA
5. The qualifications held by the person responsible for the following role in each of the following years: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015:
 - a. Managing SEN/D provision for the LA
 - b. Compiling the Local Offer for the LA

Response

The information is not recorded. The requested covers a period of 6 years and would require a breakdown of information for staffing structures within inclusion services covering more than ten different areas. This extensive exercise would take an officer more than 18 hours to collate the information.

Under the Freedom of Information Act the Council has a right to refuse a request for information held if the cost of complying with a request exceeds the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450 or 2.5 days or 18 hours. We believe in this case such an exemption applies and has decided to refuse your request for information under section 12(1) of the Act.

12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying

If you require any further information or are not happy with our response please do not hesitate to contact a member of our team on (020) 8430 2000 or email us at information.governance@newham.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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