

24 March 2017

Email: information.matters@thurrock.gov.uk

Dear Oscar Daramola,

Re: Freedom of Information request number 6635

Thank you for your recent communication which is being managed in line with the Freedom of Information Act under the above reference number. The details of your request are outlined below together with the council's response.

Your request

Please can you provide me with the up to date contact names and telephone numbers within the management structure for social work services, specifically children and families, adult, mental health and criminal justice services.

The full directory list of contact names including Senior Management, Service Managers, Team Managers and also the contact names of any Team Leaders would be the information that we need.

Our Response**Personal Information (section 40,2)**

Unfortunately we are unable to provide in full the information you have requested. We do hold the information but an absolute exemption applies.

The name and job details of an officer working for the Council is personal data specific to them. It is therefore subject to the provisions of the Data Protection Act (1998). Information can be withheld if its disclosure would be likely to breach one or more of the Principles of the Data Protection Act. There is no prior expectation on the part of team Managers or other officers working below the level of Head of Service that this information would be published into the wider public domain under FOI. A disclosure made under FOI constitutes a publication to the world at large. We believe that to disclose this would be likely to breach the first Principle of the Data Protection Act by unfairly contravening their right to privacy and confidentiality in the work place.

For your information, please see the below link which outlines staff details of Head of Service and above.

<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/organisation-structure/organisation-chart>.

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If you are dissatisfied with the way in which the council have managed your request you can pursue an independent review by contacting us at the above address and your request will be considered by the Information Manager who will update you with the outcome.

You may also wish to refer your case to the Information Commissioner's Office, details of this organisation can be found at www.ico.org.uk . Alternatively they can be contacted on 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chloe Green".

Chloe Green

Corporate Complaints & Information Governance Assistant