

Durham County Council  
Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information request



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You Requested:	Requestor: Helen Whitfield	

Please could you provide me with the following information:

- 1 - Your temporary agency spend for all staff types other than Social Care in the last 12 months
- 2 - which agencies you used in the last 12 months
- 3 - do you have an internal talent pool or bank?
- 4 - do you use PSL's, Master Vendor or Vendor Neutral Managed Solution?

**Our Response:**

Please accept our apologies for the late response to your request.

1 - Durham County Council spent £4,011,030 in the financial year 2017/18 on agency staff other than Social Care.

The total pay bill for Durham County Council in 2017/18 amounted to: £236,443,544, therefore spend on agency staff represents 1.70% of the pay bill.

2 - Please see Appendix A, attached separately.

3 - No.

To note: Some services and post types have a number of casual staff in addition to those with contracted hours but this is not considered a talent pool or bank.

4 - Durham County Council use a Neutral Vendor (GRI (formerly De Poel)) for engagement of agency workers.

**Attachments:** Appendix A

**Exemptions Applied:** not applicable

**The Public Interest Test:** not applicable

**Review Procedure**

I hope that this information is of assistance. However, if you feel that this particular request has not been complied with fully under the terms of the Act then please put your grounds in writing stating exactly why our interpretation of the Act and guidance has been incorrect and email that to:

[foi@durham.gov.uk](mailto:foi@durham.gov.uk).

After you have exhausted our internal appeals procedure, you also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at: Telephone: 01625 545 745 Email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

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