



My Ref: FOI4771
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding your council's expenditure on temporary staffing or employment agency services. Specifically, please provide:

Total amount paid to Reed Specialist Recruitment Ltd in each financial year from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2025 (i.e. FY 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25).

2022-23 £6.414M
2023-24 £11.134M
2024/25 £9.695M

Aggregate total paid to all staffing/employment agencies in the same financial years (i.e. combined across all agency suppliers).

2022-23 £7.338M
2023-24 £12.791M
2024/25 £10.227M

It is worth noting that agency staff are in the main used to fill vacant permanent positions that are difficult to recruit to – e.g social workers given national shortage etc. As such the Council underspent in its permanent staffing budgets in each of the three years which was used to offset the costs highlighted above

2022-23 total net saving of £9.521M after agency costs above
2023-24 total net saving of £6.446M after agency costs above
2024/25 total net saving of £11.251M after agency costs above

A brief breakdown (by supplier name) of the top five agencies by value in FY 2024-25 (April 2024 to March 2025), including the amount paid to each.

Reed £9.695M
Waterman Aspen £0.186M
Castlefield Recruitment £0.094M
Prospero Training £0.069M
Faerfield £0.067M

If any of the above information is publicly available via your publication scheme or disclosure log, please direct me to the location. If applicable, I would prefer the information in electronic format (e.g. Excel or CSV).

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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: -

Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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