



My Ref: FOI 6296
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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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: -

1. Unqualified social work support roles

Please provide the number of staff currently employed by the council in unqualified roles that support statutory social work or social care teams.

For the purpose of this request, I am referring to roles that do not require the postholder to be a registered social worker, but which support social work or social care activity.

This may include, but is not limited to, roles such as:

**Social Work Assistant
Family Support Worker
Social Care Assistant
Social Care Practitioner
Community Support Worker
Early Help Worker
Contact / Supervised Contact Worker
Assessment Support Worker
Social Work Support Officer
Children's Services Support Worker
Adult Social Care Support Worker
Personal Advisor / Leaving Care Support Worker, where not required to be a qualified social worker**

Please provide the number of staff in these roles by:

- a) job title**
- b) service area, for example, Children's Services, Adult Social Care, Early Help, Leaving Care, SEND, Mental Health, Learning Disability, Hospital Discharge, etc.**
- c) headcount**
- d) full-time equivalent, if available**
- e) permanent or agency worker**

If it is not possible to provide the information by service area, please provide the total number across the council.

Please see additional spreadsheets provided

2. Social work apprenticeships

For each of the last three financial years, please provide:

- a) the number of apprenticeships started by the council in total**
- b) the number of apprenticeships started in social care/children's services/adult social care**
- c) the number of apprenticeships started that lead to a recognised social work qualification**
- d) the name of the apprenticeship standard or qualification used, for example, Social Worker Degree Apprenticeship**
- e) the number of staff who completed a social work qualification through an apprenticeship route**
- f) the number of staff currently undertaking a social work qualification through an apprenticeship route**

Please provide the information for the following financial years:

2022/23

2023/24

2024/25

If data for 2024/25 is not yet available, please provide the most recent available year.

Please see additional spreadsheet provided

3. Future plans

Please confirm whether the council plans to recruit or support any new social work degree apprentices in 2025/26.

Yes

If yes, please provide the expected number.

9 new Social Worker degrees commenced in 2025/2026.

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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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