



My Ref: FOI 5798  
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. how many agency workers the council has employed each year since March 2021 to the current date of March 2026 per department.**

Year	Directorate	Number of agency
June 2021 (please note we only started reporting on this data from June 2021) – 2022	Children's Services	14
	Core	35
	Growth and Sustainability	125
	Place Health and Adult Social Care	26
	Public Health and Communities	7

Year	Directorate	Number of agency
March 2022 – 2023	Children's Services	107
	Core	64
	Growth and Sustainability	132
	Place Health and Adult Social Care	27
	Public Health and Communities	6

Year	Directorate	Number of agency
March 2023 – 2024	Children's Services	176
	Core	57
	Growth and Sustainability	109
	Place Health and Adult Social Care	55
	Public Health and Communities	5

Year	Directorate	Number of agency
March 2024 – 2025	Children’s Services	142
	Core	52
	Growth and Sustainability	142
	Place Health and Adult Social Care	47
	Public Health and Communities	2

Year	Directorate	Number of agency
March 2025 – 2026 (to present date)	Children’s Services	151
	Core	20
	Growth and Sustainability	187
	Place Health and Adult Social Care	56
	Public Health and Communities	4

**2. What was the cost to employ from March 2021 to March 2026 for the total amount of agency workers per annum per department.**

	Mar-21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Children’s	504,655.74	1,712,536.33	3,899,662.72	8,939,134.59	5,895,546.21	5,847,190.47
Core	68,028.46	1,446,187.78	1,610,428.39	2,382,308.15	2,241,277.34	790,269.18
Growth & Sustainability	123,639.72	1,681,836.47	1,683,327.83	1,273,023.32	1,752,341.40	2,726,556.91
Place Health & Adult Social Care	-	307,824.33	1,024,570.95	1,110,466.81	1,408,421.18	1,734,498.33
Public Health & Communities	-	32,100.25	204,041.20	118,999.93	173,714.44	91,014.92

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Information Requests Team  
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Barnsley  
S70 9GG  
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Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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