BARNSLEY
Metropolitan Borough Council

My Ref: FOI 5609
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 submit the following request for information under the Freedom of Information legislation regarding Personal legislation regarding Personal Advisers employed by the Leaving Care team / Children's Services, and care-experienced children and young people for whom the local authority is the corporate parent . They are posted below:

1. **On 31st March 2025**
    1. **What was the total number of Personal Advisers employed by the local authority?** 11
    2. **What was the number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Personal Advisers employed by the local authority?** 10.52
    3. **How many children in care (for whom the local authority was the corporate parent) were aged 16 or 17;** 79
    4. **How many care leavers (former relevant child) were aged 18-20?** 139
    5. **How many care leavers (former relevant child) were aged 21-25?** 89

2. **On 31st March 2025, how many Personal Adviser FTE vacancies were there within the local authority?**
   1

3. **How many Personal Advisers employed by the local authority left their role in the year to 31st March 2025?**
   2

4. **On 31st March 2025,**
    1. **What was the highest caseload of any Personal Adviser employed by the local authority?** 25
    2. **What was the lowest caseload of any Personal Adviser employed by the local authority?** 19 (although part time worker had 11)
    3. **What was the average (median) caseload of FTE Personal Advisers employed by the local authority?** 19

5. **On 31st March 2025, did the local authority employ any specialist Personal Advisers? If so, how many and what were their areas of specialism?**
   No

6. **Does the local authority:**

1. **Require Personal Advisers to undertake accredited training or qualifications;** NVQ Level 1 or equivalent
2. **Provide Personal Advisers with any accredited training or qualifications?** No
3. **If the answer to 6a) or b) is yes, please provide details of the accredited training or qualifications provided**

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:

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Information Requests Team
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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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