

From: [FOI](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Freedom of Information Request NCC-046070-20
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information about agency Qualified Social Workers working for Nottinghamshire County Council and the total spend on agency Social Work Professionals.

I realise that this response is now being provided outside of the statutory timescale for provision of information requested under the Freedom of Information Act, and I apologise for this. I hope that the information remains relevant to you and that the delay has not caused you any difficulties.

We are now able to provide the following information in response to your specific questions:

1) How many qualified social workers were working on an agency basis at the Council on 1st April 2020, split by:

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| a) Children's Services social work roles | 82 |
| b) Adults' Services social work roles | 26 |

2) How many qualified social workers were working on a temporary (agency) basis at the Council on 3rd August 2020, split by:

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| a) Children's Services social work roles | 81 |
| b) Adults' Services social work roles | 22 |

3) What was the total spend by your organisation on temporary (agency) social work professionals during the financial year 1/4/19 to 31/3/20?

£6,207,289 for Children's Services only.

We are unable to provide a figure for spend Adults SWK professionals as our Adults agency spend includes a wide range of staff and other roles therefore without checking each individual transaction, we are unable to distinguish what spend was for agency SWK professionals and what spend was for other roles. To check every transaction would exceed the cost limit for complying with a request for information under the FOI Act, and we therefore apply an exemption under Section 12 of the Act to this question.

I hope that you find this information to be helpful, however if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, then please email us at foi@nottsc.gov.uk quoting the reference NCC-046070-20 and we will be happy to review your request

With kind regards

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