

NCC-051875-21 Standards for employers of social workers in England

Dear Requester,

Further to your request for information under The Freedom of Information Act, please see below in response to all questions.

We trust this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below. In addition to this and for future reference Nottingham County Council regularly publishes previous FOIR,s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (see link)

<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords.

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Kind Regards
Complaints, Information & Mediation Officer.
Complaints and Information Team

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

Freedom of Information Request

I am writing to make a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Standards for employers of social workers in England set out core expectations for employers and applies to all settings social workers are employed in. They are published by the Local Government Association on behalf of 16 sector stakeholders, including UNISON. Signing up to the Standards is voluntary and there is not a published list. Here is a link to the Standards:

<https://www.local.gov.uk/standards-employers-social-workers-england-0>

Please can you answer the following questions:

1. Is your organisation signed up to the Standards for Employers of Social Workers?

- Yes

I am not aware you can 'sign up' to the standards.

We area ware of them and do use these for reference

As part of meeting the Standards Principal Social Workers are committed to completing an annual Health Check to assess practice conditions and working environments for their social

workers. In 2020 the Health Check became a standardised online survey and was offered free to all councils.

2. Did your organisation carry out the 2020 Standards Health Check?

- a) Yes – we surveyed all social workers and extended the survey to social work assistants/support workers
- b) Yes – we surveyed social workers only
- c) No – go to question 4

3. If you answered yes to question 2 did you:

- a) Publish the Health Check findings for your organisation
 - Yes
It has been published on the intranet
- b) Agree a joint action plan with UNISON on how to take forward the Health Check findings
 - Yes/No
The health check has been shared with the trade unions

4. If your organisation is not currently signed up to the Standards are you considering doing so for 2021?

- Yes/No

5. Will your organisation be completing the 2021 Health Check when it is issued this autumn?

- Yes

I understand that under the legislation responses should be received within 20 working days.

I would be grateful if you could provide this information by email to: LocalGovFOI@unison.co.uk

Best Wishes

Sent on behalf of: