I am writing with a Freedom of Information request with regards to expenditure on children and young people's services.

Please can you provide the information detailed below, in both the table, and the additional questions underneath this.

1. What was the expenditure for the following financial years / budget for those upcoming (or counts, where relevant)?

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Overall budget for children's and young people's services – This is based on the CIPFA Service Reporting Code of Practice guidance applied to Wigan's budget files – Budgets funded by the Council's General Fund Non-schools related – may not be directly comparable with returns from other Authorities	£38.630m	£36.822m	£35.533m	£35.655m	£35.741m	£37.845m	£55.078m	Not yet Agreed
Overall budget for children and young people's services for ages 13-19 and young people up to age 25 with a disability if recorded?		not set at this discrete	not set at this discrete	this	not set at this discrete	not set at this	Budget not set at this discrete level	Not yet Agreed
Overall budget for youth services – This is based on Wigan's classification of Youth justice and Services for Young People budgets – there is no apportionment for overheads included in these figures – the figures may not be directly comparable with returns from other Authorities		£2.562m			£2.151m		£2.371m	Not yet Agreed
Overall number of youth centres in local authority	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Number of allocated places for young people in youth centres (if recorded)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Overall number of directly employed youth workers and youth support workers (Head count/FTE)	27\20.5	27\20.5	27\20.5	27\20.5	27\20.5	27\20.5	27\20.5	27\20.5

2. What is the current balance of expenditure between council provided services and alternative provision of children and young people services (with a focus on a budget for ages 13-19 and young people up to age 25 with a disability if recorded)?

The 2021/22 gross controllable expenditure for the Children Services Directorate in full (excluding Dedicated Schools Grant funded expenditure) was split 39% in-house Council provision (including employment of social workers etc.) and 61% non-council provided services (including the cost of commissioned external placements, fostering allowances etc.)

- 3. Please state whether directly employed youth workers are employed on JNC, NJC, SJC, or other terms and conditions (please specify):
 - a) JNC for Youth and Community Workers
 - b) National Joint Council (NJC)
 - c) Scottish Joint Council (SJC)
 - d) Other (please specify)
 - e) No direct youth provision
- 4. Please supply a copy of the current youth service staffing structure showing the grade and rate of pay, gender and race for each post. Please attach a copy of this separately to your email response and state below whether it is attached or not.

