

Request

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Specifically, I am interested in obtaining details about the costs that the council incurs when employing agency social workers within children's services through Reed's AGMA (Association of Greater Manchester Authorities) or GM (Greater Manchester) collaboration framework.

While I understand that the standard agency margin for social workers employed through this framework is £2.40 per hour, I am interested in obtaining a breakdown of any additional charges that the council faces as a result of using the Reed framework for this specific purpose.

To clarify, I am only seeking information related to agency social workers who are engaged in children's services.

Please provide this information for the most recent fiscal year available or specify the time period for which you can provide information.

Amended Response

The council does not incur any additional costs other than the agency margin for social workers engaged in children's services.

The agency margins are not recorded separately on the council's financial system as the charges made by Reed for individual agency social workers are inclusive of this fee. The Council therefore does not hold this information.