

## REQUEST 16042

Under FOI Act I request:

1. The name of each Monitoring Officer for the Authority since 1.1.2019. Kindly also provide the dates they were in post and any other roles they held within the Authority (before, during and after).
2. The name of each Deputy Monitoring Officer for the Authority since 1.1.2019. Kindly also provide the dates they were in post and any other roles they held within the Authority (before, during and after).
3. Please provide the date of every report made by the Monitoring Officer under Section 5 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989.
4. Please provide a copy of each report made by the Monitoring Officer under Section 5 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989.
5. The name of each Director of Children's Services for the Authority since 1.1.2019. Kindly also provide the dates they were in post and any other roles they held within the Authority (before, during and after).

## RESPONSE

The Monitoring Officer from 1/1/2019 until 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 was Brendan Whitworth. They were the Assistant Director Legal Services

The Monitoring Officer is currently Janet Davies who was appointed on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023, having been acting Monitoring Officer since 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Janet Davies is also the Assistant Director Legal, Governance and Elections and the Council's Data Protection Officer

For questions 1, 2 and 5 previous roles at Assistant Director level or above have been provided. Posts held at a more junior level have not been provided as the postholders would not expect their career details to be placed into the public domain (which is the effect of disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000). Disclosure is therefore exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle in UK GDPR.

From 1/1/19 Janet Davies held the role of Deputy Monitoring Officer (Strategic Lawyer).

In 2021 two additional Deputy Monitoring Officers were appointed – Andrew McGuire and Andrew Lee (both Strategic Lawyers).

There are currently three Deputy Monitoring Officers – Andrew Lee, Andrew McGuire, Simon Ward (all are Strategic Lawyers)

Since 2019, there has been no S5 reports

Not applicable

Colette Dutton has been Director of Children's Services since 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020. She has held no previous roles within Wigan Council.

James Winterbottom was Director Children and Families from 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015 to 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020.

His previous Roles were  
Assistant Director – Strategy and Partnerships

Assistant Director Childrens Transformation  
Interim Director – Childrens and Families

and subsequent roles have been  
Director of Digital Services and Integration  
Director – Digital Leisure and Wellbeing Services  
Director of Strategy and Innovation (currently)

6. The name of each Lead Member for Children's Services for the Authority since 1.1.2019. Kindly also provide the dates they were in post and any other roles they held within the Authority (before, during and after).

Cllr Jenny Bullen has been Portfolio Holder for Children and Families since 2017. Her other appointments are detailed at [Councillor details - Councillor Jenny Bullen \(wigan.gov.uk\)](#)