



REQUEST 19335

I submit the following request for information under the Freedom of Information legislation regarding Personal Advisers employed by the Leaving Care team / Children's Services, and care-experienced children and young people for whom the local authority is the corporate parent. They are posted below:

1. On 31st March 2025
 - a. What was the total number of Personal Advisers employed by the local authority?
 - b. What was the number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Personal Advisers employed by the local authority?
 - c. How many children in care (for whom the local authority was the corporate parent) were aged 16 or 17;
 - d. How many care leavers (former relevant child) were aged 18-20?
 - e. How many care leavers (former relevant child) were aged 21-25?
2. On 31st March 2025, how many Personal Adviser FTE vacancies were there within the local authority?
3. How many Personal Advisers employed by the local authority left their role in the year to 31st March 2025?
4. On 31st March 2025,
 - a. What was the highest caseload of any Personal Adviser employed by the local authority?
 - b. What was the lowest caseload of any Personal Adviser employed by the local authority?
 - c. What was the average (median) caseload of FTE Personal Advisers employed by the local authority?
5. On 31st March 2025, did the local authority employ any specialist Personal Advisers? If so, how many and what were their areas of specialism?

RESPONSE

1.
 - a. 2 x Senior Personal Advisor's and 18 Personal Advisors
 - b. 2 x Senior Personal Advisors and 17 FTE Personal Advisors.
 - c. 158
 - d. 293
 - e. 183
2. 0
3. 1
4.
 - a. 29
 - b. 10
 - c. 23.8
5. 2 x Senior Personal Advisors, who have line management of a small number of PA's, also supporting staff development and training.

6. Does the local authority:
 - a. Require Personal Advisers to undertake accredited training or qualifications;
 - b. Provide Personal Advisers with any accredited training or qualifications?
 - c. If the answer to 6a) or b) is yes, please provide details of the accredited training or qualifications provided

6.
 - a. a childcare qualification at NVQ level 3 or equivalent
 - b. Yes
 - c. Level 4 Personal Advisor training via Become charity.