

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

1. Has your council signed up as a corporate member of the College of Social Work? (If the answer differs for the children and young people/adult care directorates, please make this clear.)

No

2. If so, please indicate the length of the membership, e.g. six months, one year, etc.
3. How much did corporate membership cost?
4. As of 1 April 2013, how many social workers\* employed by the council had joined the College of Social Work through this corporate membership and what proportion is this of the total social worker workforce? Please provide a breakdown by directorate, using the table below as a template:

	Number of qualified social workers employed by the council as of 1 April 2013 (headcount)	Number that have joined the College of Social Work through the corporate membership deal as of 1 April 2013
Children and young people		
Adult social care		

5. If your answer to question one was "no", do you intend to sign up as a corporate member? Please explain why/why not.

No discussion has taken place; however in the context of financial austerity and a corporate approach to reviewing membership fees for professional bodies, this may not be an agreed area for expenditure.

***\* This request refers only to "qualified social workers", i.e. practitioners holding a recognised social work qualification and registered with the Health and Care Professions Council. This could include social workers at advanced practitioner or team manager level.***

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**LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**  
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**Wycliffe House**  
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**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**  
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