

## **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. Do you have a preferred supplier list or Master Vendor contract in place for the supply of agency staff within Social Work, housing and education?**

We have a Vendor Neutral contract in place at Leicester City Council for the supply of all job classes including, Social work and housing. There is no contract currently in place with regards to education roles as each school is responsible for its own hires.

**2. If yes to question 1 - what agencies are on this this list and when does the agreement come up for renewal?**

This information is not held by Leicester City Council. The sub-contractors' company details were held on the system owned by Beeline and therefore not held by Leicester City Council. The contract has come to an end this month.

**3. Please can you provide the Social Work, Housing and Education Team Leaders and Service managers names and contact email addresses for those who hire agency staff or have the potential to hire agency staff.**

I can confirm that we do hold the information regarding manager's names and addresses. However we are withholding that information since we consider that to be an absolute exemption under section 40(2) (personal data), and this therefore constitutes a refusal under section 17 of the Freedom of information Act 2000.

**4. Please can you provide the total number of qualified Social Work, qualified Housing and Education professionals currently working on an agency (recruitment) basis at the Council**

As at 14 November the total number of qualified social workers in assignment at Leicester City Council was 12.

We have no qualified housing Professionals.

Education numbers cannot be provided as they are not hired by Leicester City Council, but by individual schools. Leicester City Council does not hold the information. This letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, the information is not available, schools would need to be contacted individually. A link to our Schools Directory is shown below

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/education-lifelong-learning/about-schools/schools-directory/schools-directory/>

**5. Please can you list the names of all recruitment agencies currently supplying the Council with agency social work and agency housing and agency education (incl Teachers) professionals.**

Please see above response to question 2.

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**Head of Information Governance  
Information and Support  
Leicester City Council  
FREEPOST (LE985/33)  
New Walk Centre  
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG  
e-mail: [foia@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:foia@leicester.gov.uk)**

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[www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)**

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Yours sincerely

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