

## 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:

**The total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) social worker posts in your local authority as of 3 August 2012, including filled and unfilled posts. Figures relating to part-time staff should be rounded up and included within the overall figures for FTE staff. Please do not provide a headcount.**

**The number of vacant FTE social worker posts in your local authority as of 3 August 2012. Vacant posts are defined as 'unfilled' posts, i.e. not filled by any member of staff, including agency staff.**

**The number of FTE social worker posts filled by agency staff as of 3 August 2012.**

### ANSWER:

Please see table below.

	Total No of Social Worker Posts (FTE)	Number of agency social workers	Total Number of Vacancies
Adults Social Care, Health & Housing	123.17	20	14.5
Children's Services	169.81	6	3.5
Grand Total	292.99	26	18

Both children and adult services make occasional use of temporary social workers, for example to fill temporary vacancies arising from maternity leave or secondments of social workers to other posts. Leicester adult services are currently making higher than average use of temporary social workers to deliver a specific short term transformation project; this is re-assessing existing service users and moving them on to a personal budget, in order to achieve Department of Health targets.

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**Information and Support**

**Leicester City Council**

**FREEPOST (LE985/33)**

**New Walk Centre**

**LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**

e-mail: [info.requests@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:info.requests@leicester.gov.uk)

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**Information Commissioner's Office**

**Wycliffe House**

**Water Lane**

**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**

**Telephone: 01625 545 700**

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

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