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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ04528

Thank you for your request for information relating to employees qualified in specialist care for vision impaired people. Please accept our apologies for the delay in this reaching you.

(a) How many staff, qualified in specialist care for vision impaired people, were employed in the vision and hearing impairment team (or its equivalent) by Coventry City Council in each of the following years: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and

In 2010 the Council employed a number of people within the sensory impairment team which included six posts for staff qualified in the specialist care for vision impaired people (five permanent posts and one temporary casual worker to support with particular service pressures). Other posts within the team did not directly relate to specialist care of people with visual impairments.

In 2013 and 2014 there were 5 permanent specialist rehabilitation workers plus one temporary casual worker. The casual worker left once the demand for services subsided.

In 2015 this was reduced to 4 permanent specialist rehabilitation workers after one of the members of the team left. Based on the referral rate into the team the decision was made not to replace this post.

Since 2015 there have been 4 permanent specialist rehabilitation workers.

In 2017 one of the posts was made up to Senior Specialists Rehabilitation Worker so since that time and to the present time the team is made up of one (1) Senior Specialist Rehabilitation Worker and 3 Specialist Rehabilitation Workers.

(b) how many staff were employed to give the team administrative support in the same years?

It has been established that the Council does not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the FOIA. The reason is that admin support would have been provided by someone from a larger admin team. These teams would have dealt with lots of different tasks, not just admin support for this team so we are unable to identify the number of individuals who would have provided administrative support.

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In the meantime, colleagues in our adult services would be happy to meet with you and clarify these points outlined and discuss any other issues with you. Please call Hannah Gray in Members Services on 024 7697 1627 or email Hannah.gray@coventry.gov.uk and we will be happy to arrange an appointment.

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Yours faithfully

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