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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI405480749

Thank you for your request for information relating to frontline child protection social workers.

You have requested the following information:

1. In total, how many frontline child protection social workers work for the council (whether employed or agency) as of 1 March 2022?

a. How many and what percentage are agency staff?

b. How many and what percentage are less than two years qualified?

c. How many and what percentage are both agency staff and less than two years qualified?

2. What is the full complement of frontline child protection social workers the Department for Children's Services should have, and what is your current recruitment shortfall into those roles (as of 1 March 2022)?

3. What is the current average caseload for frontline child protection social workers working for the council (as of 1st March 2022).

4. Please specify how many active cases each frontline child protection social worker who has been qualified for less than two years (as of 1 March 2022) is handling.

For Questions 1 to 4, following careful consideration, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Central Government website, please use the following link:

<https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/children-s-social-work-workforce>

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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