

FOI 2666

15<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

**1) How many social workers do you have dedicated to children with special needs as of August 31st, 2024? How many social workers have you had dedicated to children with special needs on the same date for the years 2019 - 2023 inclusive?**

**Response:**

The following figures encompass a range of teams within the Children with Disabilities service in the Southern Trust. This includes community teams, Fostering short breaks team, community access team, transition team and residential services.

Year - 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Band 5 Social worker	Band 6 Social worker	Band 7 social worker
2019	0	27wte	7.4wte
2020	4wte	29wte	8.4wte
2021	2wte	30wte	10.4wte
2022	1wte	28wte	11.25wte
2023	0	31wte	15.8wte
2024	0.5wte	28.5wte	14.8wte

**2) How many social workers do you have dedicated to adults with special needs as of August 31st, 2024? How many social workers have you had dedicated to adults with special needs on the same date for the years 2019 - 2023 inclusive?**

**Response:**

Figures are for Learning Disability and Physical / Sensory Disability Teams

Date	WTE		
	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7
31/08/2019		56.52	31.25
31/08/2020	5.60	53.40	27.18
31/08/2021	4.60	55.93	27.53
31/08/2022	8.60	61.88	31.59
31/08/2023	9.40	62.43	30.88
31/08/2024	6.40	62.88	26.68

**3) What is the average caseload for each social worker dedicated to children with special needs as of August 31st, 2024? What is the case load on the same date for the years 2019 - 2023 inclusive?**

**Response:**

The figures below are the average for Social work community teams

Year - 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Average caseload
2019	28
2020	24
2021	24
2022	27
2023	26
2024	25

**4) What is the average caseload for each social worker dedicated to adults with special needs as of August 31st, 2024? What is the case load on the same date for the years 2019 - 2023 inclusive?**

**Response:**

Figures are an average for community Learning Disability and Physical/ Sensory Disability Teams

Year - 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Average caseload
2019	44
2020	43
2021	41
2022	43
2023	40
2024	40

**5) How many respite days was the trust able to offer during each year 2019 - 2023? Please may I have an annual breakdown?**

**Response:**

Children

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Totals	1996	1485	1646	1943	2036

Adults

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Totals	8708	2862	2462	5567	7082

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