



Our ref: 79247893
05 December 2025



Thank you for the Freedom of Information Request you have made. I can confirm that the information requested is held by Birmingham Children's Trust. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

- 1) The total number of agency social workers currently engaged across all areas of Children's Services.**

221

- 2) The total expenditure on agency social worker positions within Children's Services between August 2024 and August 2025.**

£11,471,342

- 3) The total number of vacant permanent social worker posts within Children's Services as at the date of this request.**

Vacancies are calculated on a quarterly basis. As of 30th September 2025, there were 159 vacant permanent social worker posts.

Please quote the reference number **79247893** in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with our response to your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days from the date this authority issued its initial response. Please outline which part of the response you are not happy with setting out your reasons. This request should be addressed to:

Corporate Information Governance Team
PO Box 16366
Birmingham
B2 2YY
Email: infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk

If you are still dissatisfied with the Birmingham Children's Trust's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office

Website: www.ico.org.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of the Disclosure Officer.

Disclosure Officer

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