



Reference: FOI0538

**Request:**

Please can you respond to this Freedom of Information request about Independent Domestic Violence Advisors/Advocates in your area.

Do you:

- A) commission externally from a third sector organisation
- B) provide this service using Council staff
- C) other (please describe)

The service is commissioned from a third sector organisation.

Please can you confirm:

A) how many full time equivalent staff are employed by the service working directly with victims of abuse -

3.5 staff

B) how many high risk incidents were referred into the service during April 2017 - March 2018 -

880 incidents

C) How many high risk service users engaged with the service ie received assessment of needs and some level of ongoing service provision, as a % of the incidents referred (I recognise there may be some repeat incidents with the same victim) -

70%

D) the cost of the high risk service including on costs (NOTE: For council run services please include the cost of central recharges for the service, being clear about how much they are) (NOTE: I do not accept that there is a commercial reason for exempting publication of this if it is a commissioned service, as that information will already have been put into the public domain via OJEU notifications)

It is not possible to separate out the cost of the IDVA service as it is part of a wider integrated service

Do your plans for this service in the next 18 month include the potential to:

- A) outsource to an alternative provider eg via competitive tender
- B) insource to local government, police or other statutory agency
- C) retender

A) The service is currently out to tender

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