



Reference: FOI0569

Request:

Please provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

The total number of qualified lawyers, including solicitors and barristers, and legal executives (CILEx-qualified) currently employed by the council on a full-time basis.

The total number of all full-time staff employed in the council's legal department in (1) 2015-16 (2) 2016-17 (3) 2017-18.

Response:

In March 2016 the position was as follows:

0.5 FTE Legal Assistant 2.3 FTE vacant lawyer posts 15.7 FTE lawyers in post

In addition there was 1 FTE Legal Apprentice

In March 2017 the position was as follows:

0.6 FTE Legal Assistant 2.1 FTE vacant lawyer posts 13.8 FTE lawyers in post

In addition there was 1 FTE Legal Apprentice

In March 2018 the position was as follows:

2 FTE Legal Assistants 0.8 FTE vacant lawyer posts 13 FTE lawyers in post

In addition there was 3 FTE Solicitor Apprentices

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