

Request:

I write under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information.

Firstly, could you please provide the number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) health visitors commissioned to provide services in your area? Please provide this data for each year since October 2015.

Secondly, please provide the number of children aged under 5 receiving health visits in your area. Please provide this data for each year since October 2015.

Response:

Since 1st October 2015 North Tyneside Council has been responsible for commissioning Children's Public Health Services 0-5 years families in North Tyneside. The service was commissioned from an external provider from 1st October 2015 to 31st March 2017 using the national service specification. The specification did not specify the number of health visitors to be employed the focus was on outcomes.

On 1st April 2017 the Children's Public Health Services was transferred into North Tyneside Council and the staff within the service became employees of the Council. On 1st April 2017 40.4 FTE health visitors were employed by North Tyneside Council. On 1st January 2018 36.4 FTE health visitors were in post in North Tyneside Council with 3.6 FTE vacancies which are currently being recruited to.

The eligible population of under 5s in North Tyneside is 11,600, this figure has remained largely unchanged since 2015.