FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1510/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request / Response:

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

Do you:

1. commission externally from a third sector organisation

Answer:
Rutland County Council commissions externally from a third sector organisation.

2. provide this service using Council staff

Answer:
Rutland County Council does not provide this service using Council staff.

3. other (please describe)

Answer:
Not Applicable

Please can you confirm:

4. how many full time equivalent staff are employed by the service working directly with victims of abuse

Answer:
There are 8 full time staff members employed by the service which cover the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland area under a jointly commissioned service.

5. how many high risk incidents were referred into the service during April 2017 - March 2018
Answer:
This information is recorded by Leicester City Council and is not available in the level of detail to Rutland County Council.

6. how many high risk service users engaged with the service is 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)

Answer:
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7. 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)

Answer:
Rutland County Council pays a fixed fee for all its commissioned services for Independent Domestic Violence Advisors / Outreach and the value is £56,500.

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

8. outsource to an alternative provider e.g. via competitive tender

Answer:
The LLR contract which currently covers Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland area is currently being reviewed and has the potential to be open to tender towards of the end of the 18 month period mentioned in this question. It is too early to suggest which option will be pursued.

9. insource to local government, police or other statutory agency

Answer:
Please see response to Question 8.

10. retender

Answer:
Please see response to Question 8.

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Yours faithfully

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