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Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - DISCLOSURE**

Please accept my apology for the delay in responding to your request for information about family intervention projects, which we received on 22 February 2013.

The council does hold some information within the definition of your request.

### **Question 1**

How much the local authority has spent on funding family intervention projects in each of the last three years - and how much funding the local authority has received from the government towards these projects?

#### **Answer 1**

Local authorities are not required to collate data on costs to them of troubled families. Monies received into the authority are not ring fenced, which makes it challenging to work out how much has been spent on family intervention services or troubled families.

In order to directly support changes within the Local Authority and its partners the authority received £1,103,000 for the year 2012 – 2013 from the government Troubled Families Initiative.

The troubled families programme has only been running for one year. Therefore, details on funding for the last 3 years are not available.

### **Question 2**

How many so called 'trouble-shooters' have been recruited by the local authority since 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011 to tackle troubled families and help identify families that are in need of help, make sure they get access to the right services and ensure that action is taken.

#### **Answer 2**

There has been no specific recruitment of 'trouble-shooters' into the authority. The local authority has on Troubled Families Co-ordinator, who is seconded into the post and one officer to support the work.

### **Question 3**

An estimate of the costs to the local authority of responding to troubled families in each of the last three years.

#### **Answer 3**

Local authorities are not required to collate data on costs to them of troubled families. Monies received into the authority are not ring fenced, which makes it challenging to work out how much has been spent on family intervention services or troubled families. Indicative information is available through the Department for Communities and Local Government publication "The Cost of Troubled Families" which is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-cost-of-troubled-families>

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Yours sincerely,

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