Further to your Information request FOI65017 please find your questions and our responses below:

**Local authority employees or consultants sent overseas**

1. In the last three years, how many children’s services employees (social workers or managers) have you sent abroad to assess family and friends carers, special guardians or any other carer for a child? Please break this down year by year and include the reasons.

2. In the last three years, how many consultants, or any other type of contracted expert, have you sent abroad when making a decision about a child’s care? Again, please break this down year by year and include the reasons the local authority sent people abroad.

3. In the last three years, if you have sent social workers or any other professional abroad to assess carers for, or the care of, a child, please list the countries they were sent to. Please also list the number of people sent to each destination.

4. In the last three years, how much has your local authority paid on sending social workers, or any other professional (including independent experts or consultants), abroad when making decisions about a child’s care? Please break this down year by year.

5. In your local authority, are children’s services employees (social workers or managers) expected to travel abroad to assess family and friends carers, special guardians or any other carer for a child under the terms of their contract?

Response: I have been advised that during the specified time no social care worker or other professional has been sent abroad. Their contract does not state they are require to travel abroad.

This concludes your request FOI65017.

If you require translation of the information you have been sent please do not hesitate the contact us.

If you are unhappy with the information we have provided in response to your request please write to:

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We are keen to hear about your experience with the Information Management Team here at the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and look forward to receiving any comments you have about the way your information request was processed.

Please send any feedback to the Information Management Team Manager either by e-mail martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk or in writing to the address above.

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