Further to your Information request FOI65062 please find your questions and our responses below:

I would like to request information on activities to improve school attendance in your area.

Please could you provide me with details of the following:

How many local authority officers regularly engage with schools regarding attendance at this current time. How many local authority officers regularly engaged with schools regarding attendance in 2010, 2011 and 2012. By regularly engage with schools I mean undertake activities to improve attendance and investigate cases of non-attendance.

How much money did the local authority spend on promoting and ensuring school attendance in the most recent financial year? How much did it spend in 2010, 2011 and 2012?

What is your local authority doing to ensure compliance with regulations around attendance?

Response:

2010/11 – 5.3 FTE staff in the Education Welfare Service regularly engaging with schools regarding attendance. – budget £210k

2011/12 – 5.0 FTE “ “ “ - budget £210k

2012/13 – 5.0 FTE “ “ “ - budget £210K

The local authority prosecutes parents in the magistrate’s court under Sec 444 of Education Act 1996 for their child’s non school attendance. The authority issues Fixed Penalty Notices for unauthorised absence from school. Fixed Penalty Notices are also issued for unauthorised holidays during term time for schools that have the necessary procedures in place.

This concludes your request FOI65062.

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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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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