Further to your Information request FOI66751 please find your questions and our responses below:

1. As of August 2014 how many permanent Qualified Social Worker, Senior Social Worker, Senior Practitioner, Team Manager and Service Manager vacancies are open within Children’s services?
   
   **Open vacancies**
   Social Worker 2.5fte
   Senior Practitioner – 1fte

2. As of August 2014 how many permanent Qualified Social Worker, Senior Social Worker, Senior Practitioner, Team Manager and Service Manager vacancies are open within Adults services?

   **Open vacancies**
   Social Worker 1fte
   Senior Practitioner – 1fte

3. Can you provide the contact name, number and email address for the individual responsible for the recruitment and retention of permanent and agency social work staff.
   
   **HR Business Partner Team** - HR.BusinessPartner@rbwm.gov.uk

4. How many agency social work staff does the council employ as of August 21st 2014?
   
   **Data only available for July 2014 – Adults – 8 and Children’s – 23**

5. Does the council engage in a preferred supplier agreement to employ agency and permanent social work staff? **The council do not engage agencies to recruit permanent social care staff**,   
   (a) If yes, who is on the PSL – The council have a master vendor for supplying temporary agency social care staff, they are Reed Specialist Recruitment Ltd
   (b) If no, how does the council recruit agency and permanent social work staff?

6. Under what circumstances would the council engage agency or permanent social work staff outside of these agreements? **The council have not needed to engage agencies to recruit permanent social care staff. If Reed cannot supply directly themselves they source through their 2nd tier agencies**

7. When does the current agreement/PSL come to an end? **31st March 2015 with an option to extend to 31st March 2016**
If you are unhappy with the information we have provided in response to your request please write to:

   Information Management Team Manager  
   Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead  
   Town Hall, St Ives Road  
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   SL6 1RF

or send an e-mail to martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk

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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.

Yours sincerely

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