

Report

Report to:	Social Work Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	7 August 2019
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) Director, Health and Social Care

Subject:	Social Work Resources – Workforce Monitoring – March to May 2019
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide employment information for March to May 2019 relating to Social Work Resources.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the following employment information for the period March to May 2019 relating to Social Work Resources be noted:-

- ◆ attendance statistics
- ◆ occupational health
- ◆ accident/incident statistics
- ◆ discipline, grievance and dignity at work cases
- ◆ analysis of leavers and exit interviews
- ◆ staffing watch as at 9 March 2019

3. Background

3.1. As part of the Council's performance management arrangements, regular workforce monitoring reports are submitted to Committee. This report for Social Work Resources provides information on the position for the period March to May 2019.

4. Monitoring Statistics

4.1. Attendance Statistics (Appendix 1)

Information on absence statistics is analysed for the month of May 2019 for Social Work Resources.

The Resource absence figure for May 2019 was 6.3%, which represents an increase of 0.7% when compared to the previous month and is 1.9% higher than the Council-wide figure. Compared to May 2018, the Resource absence figure has increased by 0.9%.

Based on the absence figures at May 2019 and annual trends, the projected annual average absence for the Resource for 2019/2020 is 5.8%, compared to a Council-wide average figure of 4.5%.

For the financial year 2019/2020, the projected average days lost per employee equates to 13.2 days, compared with the overall figure for the Council of 10.4 days per employee.

4.2. Occupational Health (Appendix 2)

In terms of referrals to occupational health, which include medical examinations and physiotherapy, 417 referrals were made this period, a decrease of 6 when compared with the same period last year.

4.3. Accident/Incident Statistics (Appendix 2)

There were 33 accidents/incidents recorded within the Resource this period, a decrease of 5 when compared to the same period last year.

4.4. Discipline, Grievance and Dignity at Work (Appendix 2)

There were 13 disciplinary hearings held within the Resource this period, a decrease of 1 when compared with the same period last year. There was 1 grievance hearing, which is an increase of 1 when compared with the same period last year. There were 8 Dignity at Work complaints raised within the Resource this period, which is an increase of 7 when compared with the same period last year.

4.5. Analysis of Leavers (Appendix 2)

There were 34 leavers in the Resource this period, which remains unchanged when compared with the same period last year. Exit interviews were held with 6 employees.

5. Staffing Watch (Appendix 3)

5.1. There has been a decrease of 3 in the number of employees in post from 8 December 2018 to 9 March 2019.

6. Employee Implications

6.1. There are no implications for employees arising from the information presented in this report.

7. Financial Implications

7.1. All financial implications are accommodated within existing budgets.

8. Other Implications

8.1. There are no implications for sustainability or risk in terms of the information contained within this report.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

9.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.

9.2. There was no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

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2 July 2019

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable
- ◆ Ambitious, self aware and improving
- ◆ Excellent employer
- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Working with and respecting others

Previous References

- ◆ Social Work Resources – 8 May 2019

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Monitoring information provided by Finance and Corporate Resources

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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ABSENCE TRENDS - 2017/2018, 2018/2019 & 2019/2020
Social Work Resources

APT&C				Manual Workers				Resource Total				Council Wide				
	2017 / 2018	2018 / 2019	2019 / 2020		2017 / 2018	2018 / 2019	2019 / 2020		2017 / 2018	2018 / 2019	2019 / 2020		2017 / 2018	2018 / 2019	2019 / 2020	
April	5.0	5.3	5.0	April	5.6	6.2	6.9	April	5.2	5.6	5.6	April	3.9	4.1	4.0	
May	4.9	5.1	5.6	May	4.1	6.2	7.7	May	4.6	5.4	6.3	May	4.2	4.2	4.4	
June	5.3	5.2		June	4.6	6.3		June	5.1	5.6		June	3.9	4.3		
July	4.8	5.2		July	4.9	6.4		July	4.8	5.6		July	3.0	3.4		
August	4.9	5.0		August	4.7	5.9		August	4.8	5.3		August	3.2	3.6		
September	5.0	5.0		September	5.2	6.1		September	5.1	5.4		September	4.0	4.4		
October	4.2	5.7		October	5.8	5.6		October	4.8	5.6		October	4.1	4.4		
November	4.4	5.4		November	5.9	5.3		November	4.9	5.4		November	4.8	5.1		
December	5.6	5.1		December	6.1	6.9		December	5.7	5.7		December	5.1	4.8		
January	5.5	5.2		January	7.3	8.4		January	6.1	6.2		January	5.0	4.9		
February	6.1	5.5		February	5.8	8.5		February	6.0	6.5		February	5.0	5.2		
March	5.7	5.4		March	6.5	6.5		March	5.9	5.8		March	4.7	4.9		
Annual Average	5.1	5.3	5.3	Annual Average	5.5	6.5	6.7	Annual Average	5.3	5.7	5.8	Annual Average	4.2	4.4	4.5	
Average Apr-May	5.0	5.2	5.3	Average Apr-May	4.9	6.2	7.3	Average Apr-May	4.9	5.5	6.0	Average Apr-May	4.1	4.2	4.2	
No of Employees at 31 May 2019			1845	No of Employees at 31 May 2019			1074	No of Employees at 31 May 2019			2919	No of Employees at 31 May 2019			15361	

For the financial year 2019/20, the projected average days lost per employee equates to 13.2 days.

SOCIAL WORK RESOURCES

	Mar-May 2018	Mar-May 2019
MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS		
Number of Employees Attending	144	136
EMPLOYEE COUNSELLING SERVICE		
Total Number of Referrals	51	31
PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICE		
Total Number of Referrals	136	154
REFERRALS TO EMPLOYEE SUPPORT OFFICER	80	87
REFERRALS TO COGNITIVE BEHAVIOUR THERAPY	12	9
TOTAL	423	417

CAUSE OF ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS	Mar-May 2018	Mar-May 2019
Specified Injuries*	0	1
Over 7 day absences	0	5
Over 3 day absences**	0	2
Minor	9	4
Near Miss	0	1
Violent Incident: Physical****	15	13
Violent Incident: Verbal*****	14	7
Total Accidents/Incidents	38	33

*A Specified Injury is any fracture (other than to the fingers, thumbs or toes), amputation, loss of sight, serious burns, crushing injury, scalping, loss of consciousness caused by asphyxiation/ head injury, a chemical or hot metal burn to the eye or penetrating injury as defined by the HSE.

**Over 3 day / over 7day absence is an injury sustained outwith specified injury category that results in a period of absence of absence as defined by the HSE.

***Near Miss - Any unexpected, unplanned occurrence (except Dangerous Occurrences) that does not lead to injury of persons, damage to property, plant or equipment but may have done so in different circumstance.

****Physical violent incidents are included in the "Specified" figures, where applicable, to provide the "Total Specified" figures.

****Physical violent incidents and ***** Verbal Violent Incidents are included in the "Over 3-day or Over 7-day" figures, where applicable, to provide the "Total Over 3-day or Over 7-day" figures.

****Physical Violent Incidents and ***** Verbal Violent Incidents are included in the "Minor" figures, where applicable, to provide the "Total Minor" figures.

RECORD OF DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS	Mar-May 2017	Mar-May 2018
Total Number of Hearings	14	13

Time Taken to Convene Hearing Mar - May 2019

0-3 Weeks
4

4-6 Weeks
5

Over 6 Weeks
4

RECORD OF GRIEVANCE HEARINGS	Mar-May 2018	Mar-May 2019
Number of Grievances	0	1
Number Resolved at Stage 2	0	1

RECORD OF DIGNITY AT WORK	Mar-May 2018	Mar-May 2019
Number of Incidents	1	8
Number Resolved at Formal Stage	1	0

ANALYSIS OF REASONS FOR LEAVING	Mar-May 2018	Mar-May 2019
Career Advancement	4	1
Poor Relationship with Manager/Colleagues	2	0
Travelling Difficulties	0	1
Childcare/caring responsibilities	0	1
Other	4	3
Number of Exit Interviews conducted	10	6

Total Number of Leavers Eligible for Exit Interview	34	34
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Percentage of interviews conducted	29%	18%
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**JOINT STAFFING WATCH RETURN
SOCIAL WORK RESOURCES**

APPENDIX 3

1. As at 9 March 2019

Total Number of Employees				
MALE		FEMALE		TOTAL
F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	
218	191	910	1446	2765

*Full - Time Equivalent No of Employees									
Salary Bands									
Director	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Fixed SCP	Teacher	TOTAL
1	1328.99	466.47	544.35	20	22	2	0	0	2384.81

1. As at 8 December 2018

Total Number of Employees				
MALE		FEMALE		TOTAL
F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	
218	186	912	1452	2768

*Full - Time Equivalent No of Employees									
Salary Bands									
Director	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Fixed SCP	Teacher	TOTAL
1	1325.04	468.45	548.11	20	23	2	0	0	2387.6