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**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID:**

Dear Sir/Madam.

Thank you for your request for information relating to Legal Department Employees.

You have requested the following information:

1. The total number of qualified lawyers, including solicitors and barristers, and legal executives (CILEx-qualified) currently employed by the Council on a full-time basis.

We can confirm that as at the time of the request 32.6 full-time equivalent (FTE) people are employed as Lawyers within Legal services, with an additional 4 FTE of Lawyer posts existing that are either unfilled or have been filled but have a future start date.

2. The total number of all full-time staff employed in the Council's legal department in (1) 2015-16 (2) 2016-17 (3) 2017-18.

Please see below the statistics for the Council's "Legal Services". Each figure is taken from 1st April of the appropriate financial year:

	Headcount	Contracts	FTE
2015-2016	58	59	50.28
2016-2017	80	80	68.59
2017-2018	94	95	73.94

Please note that each of these will have been affected by factors such as restructure etc. For example, Internal Audit was brought into Legal Services by 2016-17.

Please find attached a summary of the analysis that has been done for each financial year. This shows how Legal Services has changed at a structural level, with different areas merging or splitting etc. It also shows the number of staff in each area as of the start of that financial year.

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Yours sincerely

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In 2015-16 Was	No.	By 2016-17 had become	No.	2017-18	No.
Legal Services (Top Level)	2	Legal Services (Top Level)		2 Legal Services (Top Level)	2
Corp Governance & Litigation Team	6	Place & Regulatory		20 Place & Regulatory	27
Sp Projects, Planning & Comm Team	8				
Information Governance	2				
People Team	18				
		People		52 People	60
Legal Services Support Team	8				
Register Office	14				
NA	NA	Internal Audit		6 Internal Audit	5
Total Staff	58			80	94