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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI760590612**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Library Services.

You have requested the following information:

Could you please answer the following questions about your library services.

1. How many hours in total were your council run public libraries open to the general public (not just people with library cards) in a) 2010 b) 2015 c) 2020 d) 2024

- 2010 - 39,199 hours including Mobile Service
- 2015 - 39,694 hours including Mobile Service
- 2020 - 32,614 hours
- 2024 – 27,582 hours

2. How many of these hours were unstaffed in? a) 2010 b) 2015 c) 2020 d) 2024?

- 2010 - 0
- 2015 - 0
- 2020 - 0
- 2024 - 0

Please note for the next two questions we have counted events based on the examples given; these do not always correspond to the age groups listed e.g. story times have been counted within the children under 5 section even though many attendees are older. We have also included weekly sessions e.g. Virtual Reality events that are for both children, young people and adults.

3. How many free weekly library sessions for children under 5 years old (such as rhyme

time, baby bounce or story sessions) were provided in your council run public libraries in a) 2010 b) 2015 c) 2020 d) 2024

- 2010* - We no longer retain this data
- 2015* - We no longer retain this data
- 2020 - 2,344 events
- 2024 - 2,636 events

*We are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that we do not hold this information. It is not longer retained.

4. How many free weekly library sessions for children between the ages of 5-18 (such as board games, homework clubs, reading groups) were provided in your council run public libraries in a) 2010 b) 2015 c) 2020 d) 2024

- 2010* - We no longer retain this data
- 2015* - We no longer retain this data
- 2020 - 2,152 events
- 2024 - 1,868 events

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5. How many full-time equivalent library workers were employed by your council in the financial years a) 2015/16 b) 2020/21 c) 2024/25

- 2015-16 - 110.1 FTE
- 2020-21 - 72.9 FTE
- 2024-25 - 72.0 FTE

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