



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 24/25-064, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

This request relates to the following financial years:

2020/2021
2021/2022
2022/2023
2023/2024

For each question below please provide the information separately for each financial period specified above.

1. How many planning enforcement complaints have you received?
2. How many planning enforcement complaints have you closed?
3. How many planning enforcement complaints remained open/active/unresolved (or similar) on the first day of the period; with that being 1st April?
4. What was the average (median) caseload for each investigating officer?
5. How many planning enforcement staff did you have on the team structure on the first day of the period; with that being 1st April?
6. Please split the information for question 5 into both professional and supporting/administrative roles as applicable.
7. Please indicate whether any of the roles identified for question 5 have been occupied by temporary staff/contractors and alike, providing the detail (number and role) of these as applicable.
8. Using the data provided within question 5 please indicate how many vacancies there were in each role and where these vacancies were for more than 3 months.

Response:

1.
2020/2021 - 291
2021/2022 - 205
2022/2023 - 217
2023/2024 - 184

2.
2020/2021 - 288
2021/2022 - 248
2022/2023 - 217
2023/2024 - 193

3.
01/04/2020 - 214
01/04/2021 - 209
01/04/2022 - 152
01/04/2023 - 115
01/04/2024 - 154

4. 01/04/2020 - 85.6/FTE

01/04/2021 - 83.6/FTE
01/04/2022 - 58.5/FTE
01/04/2023 - 44.2/FTE
01/04/2024 - 59.2/FTE

5.

2020/2021 - 2.5/FTE
2021/2022 - 2.5/FTE
2022/2023 - 2.6/FTE
2023/2024 - 2.6/FTE

6.

2020/2021 - 1 x Planning Enforcement Team Leader and 1.5 FTE Planning Enforcement Officers
2021/2022 - 1 x Planning Enforcement Team Leader and 1.5 FTE Planning Enforcement Officers
2022/2023 - 1 x Planning Enforcement Team Leader and 1.6 FTE Planning Enforcement Officers
2023/2024 - 1 x Planning Enforcement Team Leader and 1.6 FTE Planning Enforcement Officers

7. No planning enforcement roles were occupied by temporary staff or contractors within these financial periods.

8. There were no vacancies within planning enforcement within these financial periods.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 24/25-064.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

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