

Freedom of Information Request – Response – 27656

Please provide the following information for each calendar year from 1 January 2020 to 21 July 2026, in relation to children's and adult social workers employed by your authority or working on behalf of the authority through an agency.

Where possible, please provide separate figures for children's and adult social care.

Overall picture

Please state the total number of children's social workers and adult social workers employed by the authority (or full-time equivalent where this is how staffing is recorded) as of 21 July 2026.

Year	Adult Social Care Headcount	Children and Young People Headcount
2020	191	331
2021	186	350
2022	169	348
2023	192	366
2024	202	385
2025	210	398
21 July 2026	204	389

Incident data

Please state the total number of recorded incidents where a social worker was subjected to violence, abuse, intimidation, harassment or threats in connection with their work.

Of those incidents, please provide the number recorded as involving:

1. Threats to kill.
2. Threats of serious physical violence.
3. Physical assaults.
4. Stalking or harassment.
5. Threats directed towards a social worker's home, family or personal property.
6. Criminal damage to a social worker's home, vehicle or personal property.
7. Online abuse, threats or harassment.

Total incidents within the seven categories within the FOI:

CYP

Year of incident	Counts of incidents
2020	None recorded
2021	7
2022	3
2023	9
2024	9

2025	13
2026 (to 21 July)	8
TOTAL incidents	49

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Year of incident	Counts of incidents
2020	None recorded
2021	12
2022	6
2023	9
2024	7
2025	5
2026 (to 21 July)	2
TOTAL incidents	41

Incidents by FOI categories for all years requested:

CYP

Category of incident	Counts of incident (plus notes where required)
Threats to kill	2
Threats of serious physical violence	10
Physical assaults	25
Stalking or harassment	1
Threats directed towards a social worker's home, family or personal property	None recorded
Criminal damage to a social worker's home, vehicle or personal property	None recorded
Online abuse, threats or harassment	11
TOTAL	49

ASC

Category of incident	Counts of incident (plus notes where required)
Threats to kill	1
Threats of serious physical violence	16
Physical assaults	13
Stalking or harassment	0
Threats directed towards a social worker's home, family or personal property	3
Criminal damage to a social worker's home, vehicle or personal property	0
Online abuse, threats or harassment	8

TOTAL	41
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Police involvement

Please provide:

8. The number of incidents reported to the police.

No data held

9. The number of incidents where the authority is aware that a suspect was arrested, charged or convicted.

No data held

Impact on staff

Please provide the number of incidents which resulted in:

10. The social worker being withdrawn from a case.

11. The social worker being transferred or redeployed.

12. Sickness absence linked to the incident.

13. An occupational health referral.

No data held

14. The authority introducing additional security measures for the member of staff (for example panic alarms, security escorts, home address protection, lone-working arrangements or similar measures).

Lone Working Risk Assessments and Personal Safety devices are issued as required regardless of historic incidents.