

Freedom of Information Request – Response – 27752

This is an information request relating to council officers being given permission to work from outside the United Kingdom. By United Kingdom, I refer to Northern Ireland, England, Wales and Scotland, not including the crown dependencies.

Please include the following information, for the 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26 financial years:

- *The number of staff, per year, given permission to work from abroad*
- *For each member of staff granted permission, please provide:*
 - *their pay band*
 - *the country they have been allowed to work from*
 - *the length of time that they have been allowed to work for and*
 - *the dates they were allowed to work from abroad*
- *The longest time a member of staff has been granted permission to work from abroad and what country they went to.*
- *The highest ranking officer that was allowed to work from abroad*
- *The current number of people working from abroad and where they are.*

Suffolk County Council (SCC) can confirm that this information is held however, it is not held centrally and would require each service area and team within that service area to carry out a search to locate, identify and extract any information that falls within the scope of your request.

Due to the time this would take SCC is withholding the information under s.12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) as it would take us in excess of 18 hours to provide a response.

Access to Suffolk County Council's IT networks from outside of the UK are monitored and some information could be provided on the number of connections, if you are happy to re-submit a request to that effect. Please note that it may not be possible to aggregate this information by person.