

Freedom of Information Request – Response – 27980

Subject: Freedom of Information Request – IPS Drug & Alcohol Services: Outcome Tracking & Employer Engagement Datasets

Dear Freedom of Information Team,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information regarding Individual Placement and Support (IPS) services commissioned or operated by the Council for individuals within drug and alcohol treatment services.

Please provide figures and breakdowns for each of the last three financial years (**2023/24, 2024/25, and 2025/26**).

Section A: Operational Infrastructure & High-Level Outputs

1. Data Collection Method: Does the Council (or its commissioned IPS provider) maintain:

a) A record/log of job starts for IPS participants that includes the start date and specific employer name?

Suffolk County Council does not hold those records/logs

b) A record/log of employer engagement contacts (e.g., job development meetings, employer visits, phone contacts) undertaken by IPS specialists?

Suffolk County Council does not hold those records/logs

2. Client Cohorts & Job Outcomes:

a) The total number of Vocational Profiles (VPs) completed in each financial year.

Suffolk County Council does not hold this data

b) The total number of Job Starts achieved in each financial year.

Suffolk County Council does hold this information as below:

2023-24	Nil
2024-25	19**
2025-26	48

**contract in place for part of year only

c) Of the total job starts in each year, how many were participants' 1st job start since entering the IPS service, versus subsequent job starts (2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.)?

Suffolk County Council does not hold this information

Section B: Employer Engagement Linkage & Raw Datasets (Section 11)

3. Pre-Employment Engagement Linkage:

How many of the recorded job starts in each financial year were achieved with an employer for whom the IPS service had recorded prior employer engagement activity in its employer log/tracker?

Suffolk County Council does not hold this information

4. Primary Alternative – Raw Anonymised Dataset Exports (Section 11 Notice):

*To avoid any procedural refusal on the grounds that cross-referencing or matching these two logs constitutes "creating new information" or requires manual reconciliation: if the Council or its provider does not hold a pre-calculated, linked summary figure for Question 3, **please satisfy Question 3 under Section 11 FOIA by providing raw, anonymised exports of the two underlying electronic files:***

- **Dataset 1 (Job Start Export):** A raw CSV/Excel export of the IPS Grow log or outcome database for 2023/24–2025/26, containing: Recorded Job Start Date and Employer/Company Name.

Suffolk County Council does not have access to raw data

- **Dataset 2 (Employer Engagement Export):** A raw CSV/Excel export of the Carepath/Excel/CRM employer contact log for 2023/24–2025/26, containing: Date of Activity, Employer/Company Name, and Activity Type.

Suffolk County Council does not have access to raw data.