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Dear Andrew,

You recently tabled the following written question and I apologise as I do not think your office have received a response to date. I hope the following information is helpful.

How many social workers have been employed by each local authority in each year since 1999? (WQ83467)

The number of staff directly employed by local authority social services departments has been collected in the Staffing data return. Data for 2004-05 to 2018-19 (as at 31 March each year) is available on StatsWales. From 2014-15, the Staffing return was revised to match the revised Qualification Framework issued by the Care Council Wales. Therefore, only limited comparisons with previous years can be made.

Data can be found at <u>https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Health-and-Social-Care/Social-Services/Staffing</u>.

This data was not collected for 2019-20 due to the demand for statistics and data to measure the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Social Care Wales is now responsible for data on the social care workforce in Wales.

Yours sincerely

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