

38814 Council Workers - Permission to Enter Homes

This is in relation to staff who would enter residents' homes to investigate complaints, breaches of conduct or eviction notices.

I am interested in knowing the number of staff who have permission to enter without the consent of the owner primarily.

How many council workers for each year from 2018 to 2022 have permission to enter a resident's home?

We have identified that Environmental Health staff would be authorised to enter residential properties for the purpose of investigation of complaints. The number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) officers are as follows:

2018 - 30.9 FTE

2019 - 29.6 FTE

2020 - 30.3 FTE

2021 - 28 FTE

2022 - 27.11 FTE

When a warrant is required could this be indicated please?

For the purposes of gaining access to residential properties to investigate complaints, a period of 24 hours' notice that access was required would be necessary except in circumstances which are deemed to be urgent. A warrant would only be required should the cooperation of the resident in relation to access not be forthcoming.

Can you also provide a description of the job role please?

Those staff in Environmental Protection that are authorised to enter residential properties for the purpose of investigation of complaints are Environmental Health Officers and Enforcement Officers.

For each year from 2018-2022 can you give the number of people employed in that job role with permission to enter a home please?

The number of staff in those roles within Environmental Health would be as follows:

2018 - 25.9 Environmental Health Officers and 5 Enforcement Officers

2019 - 24.6 Environmental Health Officers and 5 Enforcement Officers

2020 - 27.3 Environmental Health Officers and 3 Enforcement Officers

2021 - 24 Environmental Health Officers and 4 Enforcement Officers

2022 - 23.11 Environmental Health Officers and 4 Enforcement Officers