

57807 Children's Social Work Case Loads

Please provide all information generated by the City of Edinburgh on children's social work caseloads on a team level, for 2025, 2024, and 2023.

By caseloads I mean how many children per worker in a team. (no. of children/ no. of social workers, not including team leaders in the team).

We do not hold accurate data prior to March 2024. This is due to recording practices used and poor data quality prior to March 2024. Any data available prior to this date would not be comparable with data from March 2024 onwards.

The attached Excel document provides the information we hold from March 2024 to 2025, for the average caseload per team.

You should note that the number of cases in a team does not demonstrate the complexity or intensity of work undertaken, i.e. the figures include children who require multiple visits per week, as well as those who are open solely for an annual service review.

We are unable to provide an accurate figure for caseloads per Social Worker in a team without having to undertake a manual search of records. There is no automated method available to extract this data. The cost to the Council of locating, retrieving and providing the information exceeds the statutory maximum of £600.

I would also like to receive any information held by the council pertaining to the development and evaluation of the Child Protection resource and enhanced social care direct team between 2022 and 2025.

The documents which we were able to source are attached.

Third-party personal information has been redacted from the documents provided in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018.