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Please provide the following information regarding the commissioning of Dr Katherine Edwards, who has carried out parenting assessments or psychological assessments for the City of Edinburgh Council.

Commissioning History

Please provide:

- The total number of times Dr Katherine Edwards has been commissioned by the local authority since 1 January 2015.
- The dates of each commission

Dr Katherine Edwards has been commissioned to provide independent assessments to support care experienced children and young people. Data that can potentially enable the identification of these children cannot be released by the Local Authority.

- The department or team that commissioned her (e.g., Children & Families Social Work).

Children's Services

- The purpose of each commission (e.g., parenting assessment, psychological assessment, risk assessment, expert report)

Independent Psychological Assessments

Financial Information

For each commission, please provide:

- The amount paid

This information will not be provided. The Council considers that if this information was disclosed to you it would harm the provider's commercial interests by providing external providers with an unfair advantage when competing for Council contracts and work.

- The date of payment
- The budget code or cost centre used

This will not be provided for the reasons given above. Dates and invoices are specific to individual cases. Budget codes are specific to individual teams. Data that can potentially enable the identification of these children cannot be released by the Local Authority.

- Whether the psychologist was paid as:

- an external contractor
- a sole trader
- a company
- or through a framework agreement

Kee Consultancy Ltd was awarded a place on CT622 Framework for Independent Psychological Assessments (Permanence Planning and Permanence Order Applications).

Procurement and Contracting

Please provide:

Any contracts, service agreements, or framework agreements under which Dr Katherine Edwards was engaged.

Please see the link to Public Contract Scotland [View Notice - Public Contracts Scotland](#)

Any tendering documents, procurement evaluations, or justifications for selecting her.

This information is commercially sensitive and will not be provided for the reasons given above.

Any internal guidance or policy documents relating to the commissioning of external psychologists for parenting assessments.

We do not hold this information. There is not a specific policy or procedure which relates to the commissioning of external psychologists for parenting assessments. Such assessments however, may be appropriate for submission as a specialist report for a permanence panel.

Internal Records

Please provide:

Any internal emails, memos, or documents discussing the decision to commission Dr Katherine Edwards for assessments (with personal data of third parties redacted if necessary).

Commercial confidentiality applies. This information cannot be shared for the reasons given above.

Any records showing previous performance, feedback, or concerns relating to her work for the authority.

Not applicable. The service provided relates to individual assessments for specific cases. There is no ongoing contractual relationship

Spending Transparency

Please provide:

All entries relating to payments to Dr Katherine Edwards in the council's spend-over-£5,000 register, including dates and descriptions.

Entries are specific to individual cases. Data that can potentially enable the identification of children cannot be released by the Local Authority.

The sum of the entries equates to £288k paid to Kee Consultancy since financial year 2019/20.