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**Subject:** FOI-17-0029 - Employment Support  
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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 6 January 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

**Please outline your spending on employment support in each of the last four years, broken down by**

**a) the name, scope, client group (e.g. type of disability?), aims and objectives of the programmes funded,**

Project SEARCH – Employment Support Programme at Aberdeen University for People with a Learning Disability or Autism Spectrum Disorder aged 16-25. This is a jointly funded project with Aberdeenshire which aims to give readiness to work training following a classroom and placement based model over a 9 month period.

The costs are £4,958 per placement.

Other services are funded which provides forms of employment support to individuals with a Learning Disability. These serves are preventative and fluid by their nature, as well as delivering many soft outcomes around progression to employment.

The names of Mental Health employability projects are as follows:

- Momentum Skills Division
- Send-It Employability Services
- Solstice Nurseries
- Turning Point Aberdeen – Rosie's Café

The aims of these projects are as follows:

- To increase opportunities for socially excluded people to achieve employment and/or their full assessed potential by whatever means as agreed with the individual's identified support network and the individual service user to be most effective for the individual and the identified client group.
- To promote the role of work in wellbeing and recovery.
- To promote and improve social inclusion by offering support to employers to understand mental ill health barriers to employability and reduce stigma and discrimination in the workplace.
- To support people to access a range of graduated supports that will assist them to achieve employment and/or their full assessed potential.
- To ensure that service users who enter employment have the employment related support they need to sustain work.
- To work with employers to provide training and employment opportunities for service users.

- To offer a time limited aftercare plan that, wherever possible, promotes independent living and works through a managed reduction in support levels and
- To work with a range of both 3<sup>rd</sup> sector and statutory bodies to ensure that service users are linked into relevant services.

The costs for the last 4 financial years are as follows:

2013/14 - £121,905.60

2014/15 - £331,495.89

2015/16 - £451,285.19

2016/17 - £350,468.11

**b) the number of participants in each programme in each year;**

Project SEARCH - Up to 8 each year, variable based on merit of applicants. Please contact Project SEARCH at Aberdeen University for full details.

For Mental Health Employability projects:

2013-14 – 84

2014/15 – 122

2015/16 – 105

2016/17 - 91

**c) the number of people in each programme who achieved employment in each year;**

Not known. This information is not held by ACC.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **the number of people in each programme who achieved employment in each year** as it is not held by ACC. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 17 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it.

**d) the numbers and ratio of employability staff to participants within each programme.**

Not known. This information is not held by ACC. You may wish to try contacting Project SEARCH at Aberdeen University.

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We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster  
Information Compliance Officer

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