

## East Lothian Council

**FOI Ref: 2018/085(13173)**

***I would like to know how many social workers employed by the council have had disclosure checks over spent or unspent convictions between January 2015 and January 2018.***

East Lothian Council (ELC) does not record the content of the Disclosure Certificate. In view of this, under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to comply with this part of your request as the information you require is not held.

All Social Workers have a PVG membership of which ELC is an interested party. This is required as part of the recruitment process to ensure that ELC does not commit an offence by offering or employing anyone who has been barred from working with vulnerable groups.

***I would also like to find out how many social workers have been suspended or sacked for failing to disclose any arrests / convictions between January 2015 and January 2018.***

There have been no suspensions or dismissals as a result of non-disclosure of convictions by any Social Workers.

***How regularly does the council inspect their staff members' who are employed as social workers to give updates on their PVG schemes?***

Social Workers are registered with the SSSC which have clear standards of practice and expectations for behaviour in and outside of work, this along with effective line management and the PVG Scheme memberships continuous monitoring of individuals by Disclosure Scotland for their suitability to continue working with vulnerable groups mean that East Lothian Council Social Workers are not required to provide a scheme record update unless changing role which would require them to change their membership to include another Vulnerable Group.