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**Request:**

**For the purposes of this request for information, the following definitions should be applied:**

***Social worker*** - Employee in a post requiring a professional qualification where that qualification is recorded as social worker OR employee in a non-qualified post who holds a professional qualification recorded as social worker

***Mental health provision*** - A service or role where service user eligibility is based upon mental health need

- 1. How many social workers employed directly by the Local Authority work within mental health provision?**

35 Social Workers based within the Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust but employed by the Local Authority (not full time equivalent)

8.5 Social Workers employed by in the Deprivation of Liberty Service.

- 2. Does the number above include the Approved Mental Health Professional workforce? If yes, how many social work Approved Mental Health Professionals are employed by the local authority?**

Yes, the response to question 1 includes the Approved Mental Health Professional workforce.

43.5 Social Worker Approved Mental Health Professionals are employed by the Local Authority in total.



**3. Are the mental health social workers employed directly by the local authority (please indicate all which apply):**

- **Based in local authority teams**  
8.5
- **Based in NHS teams under direct local authority line management**  
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- **Based in NHS teams without direct local authority line management**  
35

**4. What formal or informal arrangements does the local authority have with local NHS providers for the provision of mental health services (please describe)?**

Formal arrangement by way of a Section 75 Agreement (An agreement made under section 75 of National Health Services Act 2006) between Cornwall Council, NHS Kernow and Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. The agreement includes a pooled fund and joint commission arrangements for the provision of mental health services.

**5. Does the local authority commission any mental health social work provision from a third party provider? If yes, which services are externally commissioned?**

No

**Information provided by:** Adult Social Care

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