

**Freedom of Information Request**

FOI/AH/17/08

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN OF OISC ADVISERS

17 March 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please see the attached FoI request for a breakdown of advice provision my region, level and fee/non-fee.

I cannot find this information in the more recent annual reports, or previous Fols but please do point me in the right direction if I am missing it.

Do give me a call if you need any clarifications etc.

Many thanks in advance for the work – I do hope it doesn't take up too much time.

Best,

[REDACTED]

**RESPONSE**

11 April 2017

Dear [REDACTED],

I write further to your e-mail of 17 March 2017 in which you requested information regarding a breakdown of advice provision by region, level and fee/non-fee.

I am the Commissioner's Information Officer and it is my responsibility to reply to enquiries such as yours. I have attached the information you have requested. Please note that we have provided the information in two separate documents, one is a breakdown of the number of advisers registered with us and the other document is a breakdown of the number of organisations registered with us.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request. Please quote the above reference number in any request for an internal review.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply

directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Details on how to do this are on his website at <http://ico.org.uk/>

Kind Regards

For and on behalf of the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner

The following information is requested from the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If it is not possible to provide the following information due to the information exceeding the costs of compliance limited identified in Section 12 of the Act, please provide advice and assistance, under your Section 16 obligations, as to how the request could be refined to fit within the scope of the Act.

Please contact me with any queries or clarifications as soon as they arise and I will be happy to assist. The information requested is as follows:

- 1) Please provide a breakdown of the number of fee charging registered providers of immigration advice, in the calendar year 2016, broken down by level and region as in the table below:

Region	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
All regions	560	100	429	1089
London	274	58	215	547
East Midlands	25	3	18	46
East of England	29	4	24	57
North East	6	1	10	17
North West	41	4	30	75
Northern Ireland	3	1	0	4
Scotland	18	1	10	29
South East	51	9	30	90
South West	13	2	6	21
Wales	9	1	5	15
West Midlands	26	5	31	62
Yorkshire	23	4	31	58
Other (Channel Islands and Overseas)	42	7	19	68

- 2) Please provide a breakdown of the number of non-fee charging registered providers of immigration advice, in the calendar year 2016, broken down by level and region as in the table below:

Region	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
All regions	487	67	69	623
London	68	21	33	122
East Midlands	28	2	1	31
East of England	45	6	1	52
North East	16	2	0	18
North West	42	3	4	49
Northern Ireland	20	0	2	22
Scotland	64	4	1	69
South East	73	6	5	84
South West	35	1	3	39
Wales	22	1	1	24
West Midlands	34	8	6	48
Yorkshire	26	7	10	43
Other (Channel Islands and Overseas)	14	6	2	22

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Region	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
All regions	1684	222	485	2391
London	723	140	243	1106
East Midlands	97	5	19	121
East of England	93	11	26	130
North East	25	2	9	36
North West	110	10	42	162
Northern Ireland	3	1	0	4
Scotland	69	3	8	80
South East	187	13	26	226
South West	62	5	11	78
Wales	38	1	7	46
West Midlands	82	18	30	130
Yorkshire	88	8	40	136
Other (Channel Islands and Overseas)	107	5	24	136

- 2) Please provide a breakdown of the number of non-fee charging registered providers of immigration advice, in the calendar year 2016, broken down by level and region as in the table below:

Region	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
All regions	543	125	90	758
London	195	43	44	282
East Midlands	12	4	2	18
East of England	24	5	3	32
North East	8	2	0	10
North West	27	16	9	52
Northern Ireland	5	0	0	5
Scotland	25	7	0	32
South East	115	12	5	132
South West	13	1	3	17
Wales	17	0	4	21
West Midlands	32	14	6	52
Yorkshire	49	14	14	77
Other (Channel Islands and Overseas)	21	7	0	28