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Dear Ms Alexander

### Music Instruction – Staffing Levels

I am responding to your request concerning the staffing of instrumental provision within Renfrewshire Council from 2003. You will find below this information for the years 2004-2009 based on each academic session. Unfortunately our records do not go back as far as 2003. I hope that the included information is sufficient for your needs.

The figures show the number of people employed as part of the core weekday music provision as well as the Saturday music centres. Despite the varying numbers, the core provision is based on a full time equivalent (FTE) of 16.4. The variances in the core staffing are purely as a result of job share or part time staff. Some additional instructors have been employed using funding from the Youth Music Initiative. This is separate from the core funding provided by Renfrewshire Council. As I am sure you are aware, funding from the Youth Music Initiative is only guaranteed until 2011, and were it to cease, these posts would no longer exist.

Year	No. Weekday Staff	No. Music Centre Staff	No. YMI Staff	Total
2008/2009	23	42	--	65
2007/2008	23	44	4 (2.2 fte)	67
2006/2007	26	44	5 (2.6 fte)	71
2005/2006	30	44	7 (1.7 fte)	77
2004/2005	24	44	3 (0.8 fte)	67



I trust that this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen McKenzie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

**Stephen McKenzie**  
**Head of Children's Services**