

CIPFA report on libraries in Lambeth – covering notes

This report reflects the position of the library service on 31 March 2014.

Staffing levels were reduced during February and March 2014, but for most of the year had been higher so that the cost per member of staff is distorted and appears unnaturally high.

On the 1 April 2014 £870,000 was removed from the budget so costs of the service are now lower.

The boroughs used for comparisons by the DCMS are not all inner London and the outer London boroughs have lower pay scales for staff.

Where revenue expenditure is shown and used as a cost indicator it includes central support services costs on top of what is spent in the direct delivery of the service.

The service restructure in early 2014 significantly changed how the service is delivered. New figures for Lambeth showing its end of financial year position at 31 March 2015 will be available to be published on the website in early April.