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SECTION 151 OFFICERS

Thank you for your FOI request to the National Audit Office (NAO) dated 14 April 2025. Your FOI request was regarding section 151 officers. You specifically asked:

“Currently are any section 151 Officer working for a local authority in England, UK related to another Section 151 Officer by marriage working for another local authority in England, UK?”

Does every local authority in England, UK only have just one employed section 151 officer?”

Your request has been handled under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). We have checked our records and can confirm that we do not hold the information you requested.

You may want to consider consulting local authorities directly for this information. Alternatively, you may want to request information from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) as they may have records where section 151 officers are referenced. You can find information on how to do that here: [How to make a freedom of information \(FOI\) request: Overview - GOV.UK](#).

I hope you are happy with the way we have handled your request. If you are not happy with this response, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days by writing to the NAO FOI Team at FOI@nao.org.uk. 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. The primary way of escalating your concerns to the Information Commissioner is at: <https://ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>.

Yours sincerely,

FOI and Correspondence Officer