

## FOI Disclosure Log – September 2019

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Reference Number	Date Response Sent	Description	Outcome
FOI6056	02-Sep-2019	<p>Please could you provide me with the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Temporary agency labour spend on call centre/ contact centre spend in the last 12 months.</li> <li>- A breakdown of the agencies that you used for call centre/ contact agency staff.</li> <li>- Do you recruit via PSL, Master Vendor, Vendor Neutral Managed Solution?</li> </ul>	Fully Answered
FOI6057	19-Sep-2019	<p>I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information.</p> <p>Can I please ask the following?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head of Procurement name</li> <li>• Head of Procurement email</li> <li>• Head of Procurement address</li> <li>• Head of IT name</li> <li>• Head of IT email</li> <li>• Head of IT address</li> <li>• Information and Security Officer</li> <li>• Information and Security Officer email</li> <li>• Contract used for Procurement of MFDs</li> <li>• MFD supplier</li> <li>• Contract term</li> <li>• Contract start date</li> <li>• Contract end date</li> <li>• Amount of MFD</li> <li>• Amount of Printers</li> </ul> <p>Do you use managed print software Y/N if Yes which one</p> <p>Do you use smart cards for authentication on MFD's</p> <p>Please provide the information in the table above</p>	Fully Answered

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FOI6058	20-Sep-2019	<p>Could I please request the following information regarding your Revenues and Benefits services under the Freedom of Information Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staffing</li> <li>- Customer Service</li> <li>- Performance Targets</li> <li>- DMS Volumes</li> </ul>	Fully Answered
FOI6059	30-Sep-2019	<p>You previously sent me information under the FOI regarding Bulmer Farm being exempt from business rates since 2012.</p> <p>However I have been unable to get a response from the directors regarding this and we have been charged our proportion for our holiday lodge.</p> <p>Could you confirm if Bulmer Farm lodges Ltd have in fact paid any business rates from 2012-2019 inc.</p>	Fully Answered
FOI6060	04-Sep-2019	<p>I would like to request information under the freedom of information act.</p> <p>Please send a full list of businesses/charities/Ltd companies that have become newly liable for business rates between the 15-31st Aug 2019.</p> <p>I would like you to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The full business name</li> <li>- Address</li> <li>- Type of property</li> <li>- RV</li> <li>- Date of liability</li> </ul> <p>Please send over in excel for mat.</p>	Fully Answered
FOI6061	18-Sep-2019	<p>Please can you tell me if the council has used any type of facial recognition technology at any time over the past five years.</p> <p>If so, please can you tell me how much was spent on the technology, who provided it, how long it was used for and whether it is currently being used, and in which locations it was used.</p>	Fully Answered

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		Please can you also tell me whether the council has been informed about any other organisation in the area using facial recognition technology and if so which organisation was using this technology.	
FOI6062	05-Sep-2019	<p>Dear Sir or Madam</p> <p>Has the Council conducted any 'Public Health Act Funerals since 31/7/19 to the present (the day you respond to this request)?</p> <p>If the answer to this question is yes, please disclose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The full names of the deceased</li> <li>• The date of birth of the deceased</li> <li>• The date of death of the deceased</li> <li>• The last known address of the deceased</li> </ul> <p>• Whether the details of the deceased, have been/will be or are likely to be referred to the Government Legal Department (if you are not sure then can you just answer that field 'unsure, or unknown' or words to that effect).</p> <p>Have there been any similar FOI requests as this within the time scale outlined in question 1?</p> <p>Has the Council given this information away to any other individual or organisation outside the parameters of FOI (other than the Government Legal Department or internally) within the time scale outlined in question 1</p>	Fully Answered
FOI6063	05-Sep-2019	<p>I am aware that all Billing Authorities hold records of businesses that have created a new account. I would like to obtain a list of businesses who are paying business rates who have created a new account within the last 12 months. If this information is available on the website then please also indicate when the requested information (spreadsheet or website) has been updated and a link to this if available. I therefore request a breakdown including the following information:</p> <p>A) The name of each business in respect of which non-domestic rates are payable.            B) The Rateable value of the property.            C) The address of the business in respect of which non-domestic rates apply.            D) The date the account was created.</p>	Fully Answered
FOI6064	05-Sep-2019	<p>Please can you advise me of how many salons/establishments operate in your borough with sunbeds.</p> <p>How they are licenced</p>	Fully Answered

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		<p>What process is involved, for a salon to be registered with yourselves</p> <p>How they are checked for compliance</p> <p>How often they are checked for compliance</p> <p>What are the measurements taken for rays omitted</p> <p>Who completes the checks</p> <p>How do you check that staff are fully trained to advise of the dangers of sunbed use</p>	
FOI6065	05-Sep-2019	<p>I am aware that all Billing Authorities hold records of businesses that have or have not applied for small business rates relief.</p> <p>I would like would like to obtain a list of businesses who are not receiving small business rates relief. If this information relating to unclaimed small business rates relief is available on the website then please also indicate when the requested information (spreadsheet or website) has been updated.</p> <p>I therefore request a breakdown of businesses who are not receiving small business rates relief with a Rateable Value between £12,000 and £15,000 since 2017, including the following information:</p> <p>A) The name of each business in respect of which non-domestic rates are payable.</p> <p>B) The Rateable value of the property</p> <p>C) The address of the business in respect of which non-domestic rates apply</p>	Fully Answered
FOI6066	05-Sep-2019	<p>I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information.</p> <p>In total, how many times has the council been taken to the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Tribunal in relation to a child's education, health and care (EHC) needs assessment or an EHC plan over the last five years (September 2014 to September 2019)?</p> <p>Of these cases how many were for a refusal to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• assess a child's EHC needs</li> <li>• make a statement of their special educational needs</li> <li>• reassess their special educational needs</li> <li>• create an EHC plan</li> <li>• change what's in a child's special educational needs statement or EHC plan</li> <li>• maintain the statement or EHC plan</li> </ul>	Transferred
FOI6067	24-Sep-2019	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I would be grateful if you would consider the following as a request under the FOI legislation.</p> <p><b><i>Freedom of Information Requests – Ryedale District Council</i></b></p> <p>Following numerous media reports about how much funding councils could potentially lose following the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union, I would be grateful if you could supply the information for Ryedale District council</p>	Fully Answered

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How much funding, during the last three financial years, has your council received from European Institutions?</li> <li>• After Brexit, how much of a shortfall in funding do you expect to have due to reduced European Institutions funding?</li> <li>• Will your local authority have to make frontline cuts following the withdrawal of funding?</li> <li>• Will your local authority have to reduce the numbers of staff it has due to the withdrawal of funding?</li> <li>• Has your local authority carried out impact assessments in anticipation of a potential No Deal Brexit?</li> <li>• If the answer to question 5 is yes, how much have these assessments cost your local authority?</li> <li>• If the answer to question 5 is yes, are you able to share your findings publicly?</li> </ul>	
FOI6068	09-Sep-2019	<p>I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I would like the response to be completed electronically in format specified below if possible.</p> <p>1) How many Planning applications were refused in each of the following years?</p> <p>1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014            1st January 2015 to 31st December 2015            1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016            1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017            1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018            1st January 2019 to 1st September 2019</p> <p>2) How many of the applications specified above were refused on Health and Wellbeing Related Planning Concerns? (Please supply reference numbers)</p> <p>1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014            1st January 2015 to 31st December 2015            1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016            1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017            1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018            1st January 2019 to 1st September 2019</p> <p>3) How many Major Development Planning applications have been received in the following years?</p> <p>1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014            1st January 2015 to 31st December 2015            1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016            1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017            1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018</p>	Fully Answered

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		<p>1st January 2019 to 1st September 2019</p> <p>4) How many Major Development Planning applications were accompanied by a Health Impact Assessment? (Please supply reference numbers)</p> <p>1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014            1st January 2015 to 31st December 2015            1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016            1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017            1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018            1st January 2019 to 1st September 2019</p>	
FOI6069	30-Sep-2019	<p>Dear sir/ madam</p> <p>Could you confirm what business rates bulmer farm lodges paid for the years April 2013/2014/2015</p>	Fully Answered
FOI6070	10-Sep-2019	<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act of 2000, could you please provide me with the most up-to-date list of all empty commercial (non-residential) property rates data for your local authority, and including the following fields:</p> <p>A) Address            B) Rateable Value            C) Date the property became empty            D) Ratepayer Name</p> <p><b>Could you also please confirm the date that the data was generated from your system.</b></p> <p>I appreciate that properties owned / rented by individuals are personal information and such personal data (i.e. the Firm's Trading Name) would be excluded from my request in terms of Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In such cases, please provide the remaining information with the Firm's Trading Name either blank or listed as 'individual'.</p> <p>Please provide this as machine-readable as either a CSV or Microsoft Excel file.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.</p>	Fully Answered
FOI6071	30-Sep-2019	<p>In relation to Ryedale District Council offices in Malton, please can you tell me the amount of money paid in the last 12 months (or the last 12 months where the records are available) how much RDC has spent on gas to supply its council offices at Ryedale House in Malton? I would like to know the amount spent and the volume used by the Ryedale District Council.</p>	Fully Answered
FOI6072	09-Oct-2019	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>We are compiling national data on noise nuisance complaints relating to auditory bird scaring devices</p>	Fully Answered

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		<p>(propane gas guns, banger ropes etc).</p> <p>If available, we'd like the source data as extracts from the Environmental Health Department's database, redacted to protect confidential information. We are particularly interested in the postcodes of the alleged noise nuisance of audible bird scaring devices.</p> <p>Cover period: 1. January 2015 - 30 June 2019, broken down by year Auditory Bird Scaring Devices = ABDS National Farmer's Union = NFU</p> <p>GENERAL</p> <p>1) Does the EHD log all noise nuisance complaints (phone,email,letter)?            2) How many noise nuisance complaints (all causes) were received in cover period?            3) How many of these related to ABSD?            4) How many of those related to ABSD, resulted in an abatement notice being issued?</p> <p>NFU CODE</p> <p>5) NFU Code of Practice specifies that farmers should register ABSD with the local council. How many guns were registered with the council during the cover period?            6) NFU Code of Practice is a voluntary code, but Councils are allowed to issue bye-laws. Does the Council have a bye-law regarding the use of ABSD?            7) Does the EHD have an internal policy for the process of investigating noise nuisance by ABSD? If yes, please supply a copy.</p> <p>INVESTIGATION</p> <p>8) How many times was the EHD unable to investigate / act on a complaint because the owner/operator of a gun could not be identified?            9) When deciding whether an ABSD constitutes statutory noise nuisance, does the council rely on noise monitoring data, or does it accept the subjective evidence by a EHO?            10) If noise monitoring equipment is used, how many machines does the environmental</p>	

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		<p>Health Department have that are suitable for measuring noise emission from ABSD?</p> <p>11) If noise monitoring equipment is used, which BS standard is applied?</p> <p>TRAINING</p> <p>12) How many Environmental Officers does the Environmental Health Department employ?</p> <p>13) How many days Continuous Professional Development has the team received in relation to statutory noise nuisance?</p> <p>14) If the data exist, is it possible to break down outcomes of complaints (about ABSD ONLY) into how many ended in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) informal discussion with offender only</li> <li>b) visit to the property &amp; subjective assessment by EHO</li> <li>c) installation of noise monitoring</li> <li>d) noise monitoring found that no statutory noise nuisance exists</li> <li>e) noise monitoring found that statutory noise monitoring does exist</li> <li>f) resulted in abatement notice</li> <li>g) abatement notices contested</li> </ul> <p>If you are able to say:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- how many gasguns do you estimate are in use within the District?</li> <li>- how long does it take on average to deal with a complaint from ABSD</li> </ul>	
FOI6073	03-Oct-2019	<p>Can you please provide me with a list of “specified injuries” (<a href="http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/specified-injuries.htm">http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/specified-injuries.htm</a>) reported to you under the Reporting of Injuries, Disease and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) as part of your responsibilities under The Health and Safety (Enforcing Authority) Regulations 1998. I would like to receive the data from 2014 to the current day, with the information provided in a series of columns detailing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/ The date of the incident.</li> <li>2/ The injured party’s age.</li> <li>3/ The specified injury sustained (bone fracture, amputation, blinding, crush, serious burns, scalping, loss of consciousness, injuries associated with working in an enclosed space).</li> </ul>	Fully Answered



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		<p>4/ The industry sector.                      5/ The name of organisation where the injury occurred.                      6/ The post code where the injury was sustained.                      7/ If the incident was investigated by the Local Authority or not.</p>	
FOI6074	12-Sep-2019	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Representing a number of social care experts across the UK, it's important that spokespeople are armed with accurate data. One subject, where media enquiries are becoming more frequent, is looked after children and the spiralling cost of children's services.</p> <p>In order to better inform the commentary I am contacting local authorities across England. Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many looked after children under 18 was the authority responsible for at financial year end, 2018/19?</li> <li>• How many of these were accommodated in residential facilities within the authority?</li> <li>• How many of these were accommodated in residential facilities outside the authority?</li> <li>• What was the average weekly cost of accommodating these children outside the authority?</li> <li>• What was the average weekly cost of accommodating these children inside the authority?</li> <li>• What was the total annual spend on accommodating looked after children in residential facilities, inside and outside the authority?</li> </ul> <p>In the interests of providing a reflective average, please feel free to highlight or exclude any cases where, for exceptional medical reasons, the average weekly costs are significantly above your norm.</p>	Transferred
FOI6075	16-Sep-2019	<p>Please could you assist me by sending information regarding the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please can you direct me to the authority's current ICT strategy?</li> <li>• Does the authority use or is planning to use Azure or any other cloud hosted services?</li> <li>• If you are currently using, or planning to use Azure, AWS or Google; what are your main drivers and goals?</li> </ul>	Fully Answered
FOI6076	30-Sep-2019	<p>In accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000</p> <p>Can you give me the list of empty and abandoned properties in your district?                      Do you have a Property Enforcement Officer or someone in the position who's employed by the council to know which properties are empty or not in use?</p> <p>I would like to bring empty and deserted properties back to life. And at the same time help the council with the</p>	Fully Answered

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		housing problem. Please forward me the appropriate information and/or contact details.	
FOI6077	20-Sep-2019	1 - Could you please confirm if you have carried out the compounding of any recycling banks belonging to 3rd parties promoting textile and or shoe recycling?  2 - if answer to (1) above is yes, could you confirm if you hold these containers in storage?  We look forward to hearing from you.  Yours faithfully,	Fully Answered
FOI6078	07-Oct-2019	This is a Freedom of Information request.  1) a. For the last financial year (2018-2019) how many fines did your authority issue for fly-tipping? b. What was the total revenue received from these fines? c) How much was spent on issuing these fines?  2) a. For the last financial year (2018-2019) how many times did your authority prosecute individuals or businesses for fly-tipping? b. How many resulted in convictions? c. Was any revenue received as compensation? d) How much was spent on these prosecutions?  3) For the last financial year (2018-2019) how many cases of fly-tipping did your authority deal with? 4) For the last financial year (2018-2019), what the was total cost to your authority of dealing with fly-tipping? 5) How many people live in your local authority area?	Fully Answered
FOI6079	17-Sep-2019	My questions are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many miles of road under your jurisdiction currently have double red lines/are classified as red routes?</li> <li>• How many miles of road under your jurisdiction had double red lines/been classified as red routes in September 2018, September 2017, September 2016, and September 2015?</li> <li>• Do you currently have any plans to increase or decrease the number of double red lines on your roads in the foreseeable future? If so, please provide details.</li> <li>• What penalties do you issue to people who break red route rules?</li> </ul>	Transferred

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many penalties have you issued to people breaking red route rules over the last five years? Please provide a year-by-year breakdown.</li> </ul>	
FOI6080	17-Sep-2019	<p>Please can you tell me over the last five financial years how many people with a dementia diagnosis have been detained under the Mental Health Act 1983 under section 2 or section 3 of the act. Please specify whether section 2 or section 3 was used.</p> <p>Please specify where each person was detained e.g. hospital name</p> <p>Please can you also tell me how many people with a dementia diagnosis who were detained under the Mental Health Act have subsequently been turned down for after-care by a care home and if more than one care home has turned down after-care please can you state how many homes have done so</p>	Transferred
FOI6081	04-Oct-2019	<p>I'd like to request the below information on premises within you district:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Licensed to sell alcohol</li> <li>- Licensed to prepare and sell food</li> <li>- Licensed Taxi Firms</li> </ul> <p>If this can be send in an excel format with contact name, venue name, email address and contact number, that would be appreciated</p>	Fully Answered
FOI6082	17-Sep-2019	<p>This is a request for Business Rates information, to be dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please can you answer the following questions;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you hold NDR credit data?</li> <li>Do you publish NDR credit data online? If yes, could you copy and paste the link. And state which months the NDR credit data is updated on and the number of times you extract the data per financial year? (Please put N/A is not applicable.)</li> <li>Do you release NDR credit data through FOI requests? If yes please state the months you extract the data and the number of times you do this per financial year? (Please put N/A is not applicable.)</li> <li>Do you hold NDR credit write ons?</li> <li>Do you publish NDR credit write on data online? If yes, could you copy and paste the link. And state which months the NDR credit data is updated on and the number of times you extract the data per financial year? (Please put N/A is not applicable.)</li> </ol>	Fully Answered

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		<p>6. Do you release NDR credit write on data through FOI requests? If yes please state the months you extract the data and the number of times you do this per financial year? (Please put N/A is not applicable.)</p> <p>7. Do you publish NDR occupier data online? If yes, could you copy and paste the link. And state which months the data is updated on and the number of times you extract the data per financial year? (Please put N/A is not applicable.)</p> <p>8. Do you release NDR occupier data through FOI requests? If yes please state the months you extract the data and the number of times you do this per financial year? (Please put N/A is not applicable).</p> <p>9. Could I have your direct business rates team email address and phone number?</p>	
FOI6083	25-Sep-2019	<p>I am writing to obtain information relating to Brexit preparations at your council. Please can you supply the following information: - How much has been spent, per annum since 2016, on preparations and planning for Brexit</p> <p>- How many extra members of staff have been hired to prepare for Brexit</p> <p>- What, if any, have you been instructed told to stockpile (List form preferable)</p> <p>- An itemized list of all revenue and capital spending on Brexit for per annum 2017-19. Please specify the individual payment, the purpose of the payment, and the cost; 2. An itemised list of all planned revenue and capital spending on Brexit for the per annum 2019-20.</p> <p>- At the time you respond to this request, how many care service providers have contacted you to warn of a risk to service delivery?</p>	Fully Answered
FOI6084	18-Sep-2019	<p>I am emailing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. My request relates to alternative delivery models used by the council as of September 17, 2019. Specifically, can you list: (1) All Local Authority Trading Companies owned by the authority, including the following details: (a)The name of the company (b)Company number (c) Date of incorporation (d)Services provided/purpose (2) All Public Service Mutuels (PSM) connected to the authority, including the following details: (a) The name of the PSM (b) The date it was created (c) Any other stakeholders formally involved (d) Services provided/purpose (3) All outsourced services, including the following details: (a) The name of the service (b) The date on which it was outsourced (c) The organisation(s) that operates the contract (d) The length of the contract (e) The annual cost to the council of the contract (4) All joint ventures entered into by the authority, including the following details: (a)The name of the venture (b)The date on which it began (c) The other organisation(s) involved (d) The services provided/purpose I would like the responses in Excel format with the questions and sub-questions as column headers. For definitions of the above terms, please see the guidance 'Alternative Delivery Models Explained' issued by the Government on 28 March 2017</p>	Fully Answered

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		( <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/libraries-alternative-delivery-models-toolkit/alternative-delivery-models-explained">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/libraries-alternative-delivery-models-toolkit/alternative-delivery-models-explained</a> ) If you need clarification please contact me at this email address. Under your section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance I would expect you to contact me if you find this request unmanageable in any way before the 20th working day.	
FOI6085	19-Sep-2019	<p>For this, I am requesting under the FOI Act the following:-</p> <p>1) The name of the department / service area your current parks team sits within eg Neighbourhood Services / Community Services</p> <p>2) are you an in house or outsourced service</p> <p>3) the key contact(s) for your parks services eg Head of Parks, Park Managers, Park Officers, Play Officers, Allotments, or otherwise. An email contact would be helpful if GDPR permits this - if not a name would be excellent. I am looking to carry out a major survey of LA parks officers to gauge views on how we may take this initiative forward. Please do pass on to colleagues.</p> <p>Thank you in anticipation</p>	Fully Answered
FOI6086	19-Sep-2019	<p>Please could you confirm the following;</p> <p>1 - How many charity shops operating within your jurisdiction receive rating relief?</p> <p>2 - The names of each charity which receives rating relief on it's shop?</p>	Fully Answered
FOI6087	15-Oct-2019	<p>I am writing to you requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding the topic of homelessness in your area. The information that I require is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the number of people in temporary accommodation organised by the council in each of the years from 2010-2018?</li> <li>• How many of those in temporary accommodation were children in each of the years from 2010 to 2018?</li> <li>• How many of those in temporary accommodation were children in each of the years from 2010-2018?</li> <li>• What was the average length of time a family spent in temporary accommodation in each of the years from 2010-2018?</li> <li>• How many people were placed in B&amp;B accommodation in each of the years from 2010-2018?</li> <li>• How many people were given temporary accommodation outside of the council area in each of the years from 2010-2018?</li> <li>• How many children were given temporary accommodation outside the council area in each of the years from 2010-2018?</li> <li>• What is the average cost per night paid by the council for temporary accommodation in each of the years</li> </ul>	Fully Answered

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		from 2010-2018?	
FOI6088	16-Oct-2019	<p>I am seeking information from your local authority under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding the topic of homelessness in your area. My questions are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the number of people found to be rough sleeping in the area administered by the council in each of the years from 2010 – 2018?</li> <li>• What was the number of people found to be homeless in the area administered by the council in each of the years from 2010 to 2018?</li> <li>• How much was spent by the council on schemes aimed at tackling homelessness in each of the years between 2010 and 2018?</li> <li>• How much was spent by the council on 'Housing First' style schemes aimed at tackling homelessness in each of the years between 2010 and 2018?</li> <li>• How much was spent by the council from Government grants on 'Housing First' style schemes aimed at tackling homelessness in each of the years between 2010-2018?</li> </ul>	Fully Answered
FOI6089	23-Oct-2019	<p>I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to request information pertaining to public sector pay inequality. The following are a list of questions that I would like a response on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many persons does your council employ?</li> <li>• How many council employees are employed as apprentices, and how much is their pay per hour?</li> <li>• How many council employees are employed on a salary equal or less than a full-time equivalent of £14,942.20 per year?</li> <li>• How many council employees are employed on a salary equal to or less than a full-time equivalent of £16,380 (in London £19,201) per year?</li> <li>• How many council employees are employed on a salary equal to or less than a full-time equivalent of £29,588 per year?</li> <li>• How many council employees are employed on a salary equal to or greater than a full-time equivalent of £46,351 per year?</li> <li>• What are the non-pecuniary benefits or expenses available to stage employed in roles with full-time equivalent salaries equal to or greater than £46,351 per year?</li> </ul>	Partially Answered
FOI6090	23-Sep-2019	<p>Please could you please provide the names, job titles and contact details;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-email</li> <li>-postal address</li> <li>-telephone number</li> </ul> <p>of those who are responsible for the Commissioning and Procurement of residential placements for looked after children (excluding secure accommodation and foster placements).</p>	Fully Answered

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FOI6091	23-Sep-2019	<p>I would like to request the following information -</p> <p>The most up to date list you can obtain (Ideally from September 2019 - please provide the date of the data) with;</p> <p>(a) List all Commercial properties with their Rateable Values and addresses.            (b) The names and addresses of the Rate payers referred to above for each property and their correspondence address (if different from the property address)            (c) The full billing authority reference for each property (this is the property [VOA] reference not the account number)            (e) The date the rateable occupier first became liable for the business rates            (f) If the property is empty the date it became empty            (g) Please state which hereditament is currently receiving</p> <p>I. Charitable rate relief (mandatory rate relief)            II. Discretionary rate relief            III. Small Business Rate Relief            IV. Retail Discount (<i>April 2019 onwards</i>)            V. Any other relief</p> <p>Please can this data be supplied in excel format.</p>	Fully Answered
FOI6092	23-Sep-2019	<p>I should like to request the following information.</p> <p>I would like a full list of businesses and charities that have become liable for business rates within your council area between and on 1-15th September 2019. Please also include the full business name, address, RV and property type.</p> <p>I should prefer to receive these in electronic format at this email address, and also on n excel spreadsheet</p>	Fully Answered
FOI6093	04-Oct-2019	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I'm writing this email to enquire if you can assist me with research on the Taxi Private Hire &amp; Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles managed within your authority.</p> <p>We would like to better understand the accessibility of wheelchair accessible vehicles as percentage for each authority against the private hire operator vehicles.</p> <p>We are looking to obtain a complete list of private hire operators who hold a current valid licence, includes the total numbers of vehicles within the fleet and the total number of wheelchair accessible vehicles registered</p>	Fully Answered

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		<p>with such operator.</p> <p>If possible, could we also obtain operator contact details for each valid operator licence in order for us to contact the operator to further our enquiry and hopefully provide opportunities within the rail networks when providing passenger assistance transportation</p>	
FOI6094	14-Oct-2019	<p>Microchipping FOI questions</p> <p>Q1) Have you taken anyone to court for obstruction of an authorised person exercising their powers under the Microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2015 i.e. regulation 12(b) or 12(c). If so, how many cases have you brought to trial and what has been the average fine issued?</p> <p>Q2) How many times have you initiated court proceedings for breach of microchipping regulation 8(2), transferring keepership of a dog which is not fully compliant with the microchipping regulations? If appropriate, what has been the average fine issued for those in breach of this regulation?</p> <p>Q3) How many formal written warnings (notices under regulation 12(a) of microchipping regulations) have you issued for –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Absence of a (physical) microchip in a dog</li> <li>b) Failure to have correct details recorded on the microchip</li> <li>c) Microchip recorded with a non-compliant database</li> </ul> <p>Q4) How many times have you initiated court proceedings for failure to comply with a formal notice issued under regulation 12(a) of the microchipping of dogs regulations for-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Absence of a (physical) microchip in a dog</li> <li>b) Failure to have correct details recorded on the microchip</li> <li>c) Microchip recorded with a non-compliant database</li> </ul> <p>Q5) If appropriate can you detail the average level of fine awarded by the courts in cases you've taken in relation to failure to comply with a notice under section 12(a) of the microchipping regulations?</p> <p>Q6) Does your local authority have information about dog owners' legal requirements to identify their dog by collar and tag and microchip on their website?</p> <p>Q7) How many events has your local authority supported on microchipping during the past five years?</p> <p>Q8) Do you issue written warnings to dog owners whose dog is found without a collar and tag? If, so how</p>	Fully Answered



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		<p>many have been issued since in the past five years?</p> <p>Q9) How many times have you initiated court proceedings against dog owners for failure to comply with collar and tag legislation? And if appropriate, what is the average level of fine that courts have awarded?</p> <p>Q10) How many dog wardens does your local authority employ?</p>	
FOI6095	16-Oct-2019	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>Freedom of Information Request: homeless applicants and county court appeals against local authority decisions, pursuant to section 204 of the Housing Act 1996</p> <p>We act for Shelter, National Campaign for Homeless People Limited (registered charity number 263710 (England and Wales) and SC002327 (Scotland)) (<b>Shelter</b>), in relation to its proposed application to intervene in the case of Mayor and Burgesses of the London Borough of Hamlets v Abdullah Al Ahmed (the <b>Intervention Application</b>).</p> <p>We write to request information from your authority's housing department which Shelter believes to be relevant to the Court's decision in this case and which it therefore wishes to place before the Court to assist it in making its decision. The information Shelter seeks relates to homeless applicants and county court appeals against your authority's decisions, pursuant to section 204 of the Housing Act 1996 (<b>HA 96</b>), and is set out in further detail Apart from the Intervention Application, Shelter also has a wider interest in gathering this information as part of its training, policy and research activities.</p> <p>We make this request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the <b>Act</b>). We believe that the information requested does not fall under any of the exemptions set out in the Act. We therefore hope that the information can be provided within the 20 working days stipulated in the Act and be provided by no later than close of business on <b>Tuesday, 22 October 2019</b>.</p> <p>If no exemptions apply, there is no reason to consider public interest arguments for or against publication of the information requested. We have, in any case, provided some general and specific arguments as to why it would be in the public interest to release the information requested below.</p>	Fully Answered
FOI6096	25-Sep-2019	<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act of 2000, and subject to section 40(2) on personal data, could you please provide me with a complete and up-to-date list of all business (non-residential) property rates data for your local authority, and including the following fields:</p>	Directed Online

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		<p>- Billing Authority Property Reference Code (linking the property to the VOA database reference)                      - Firm's Trading Name (i.e. property occupant) - Full Property Address (Number, Street, Postal Code, Town)                      - Occupied / Vacant - Date of Occupation / Vacancy                      - Actual annual rates charged (in Pounds)</p> <p>If you are unable to provide an absolute "Occupation / Vacancy" status, please provide the Exemptions and / or Reliefs that a particular property may be receiving.</p> <p>Please provide these data as machine-readable as either a CSV or Microsoft Excel file, capable of re-use, and under terms of the Open Government Licence (meaning reuse for any and all purposes, including commercial)</p>	
FOI6097	16-Oct-2019	<p>We are writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and would like to know the following information please.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?</li> <li>2. How many Specified General Supported Accommodation cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?</li> <li>3. How many Specified Domestic Violence Hostel cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?</li> <li>4. How many Specified Local Authority Hostel cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?</li> <li>5. What is the highest eligible gross rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits?</li> <li>6. What is the lowest eligible gross rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits?</li> <li>7. What is the lowest core rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits?</li> <li>8. What is the highest core rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits?</li> <li>9. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit for the following eligible rent ranges: £150.00 per week eligible gross - £250.00 per week eligible?                      £251.00 per week eligible gross - £300.00 per week eligible gross?                      £301.00 per week eligible gross - £400.00 per week eligible gross?                      Greater than £400.00 per week eligible gross?</li> <li>10. How many Specified General or Exempt Supported Accommodation cases have been referred to the Rent Officer service (VOA)?</li> <li>11. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation cases are being paid where the Local Authority is only receiving 60% subsidy?</li> <li>12. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation claims have received an 'unreasonably high'</li> </ol>	Fully Answered

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FOI6098	26-Sep-2019	<p>rent decision? -</p> <p>I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your council.</p> <p>My request relates to the Right to Buy scheme for council tenants to buy their homes.</p> <p>Specifically, it relates to owners extending their leasehold leases with your council as the freeholder. I am asking each council in England and Wales with a housing brief in an effort to create a national picture.</p> <p>In each case, I understand that records may be incomplete, and if this is the case, I would like whatever figures are available, together with their dates, to give the most accurate view possible.</p> <p>Here is what I am requesting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In total, how many leasehold extensions have been agreed since Right to Buy started? If records are incomplete on this, please also indicate what years of data are available.</li> <li>• How much has been raised from these extensions in total? Again, if this is for specific years, please also say which years are covered.</li> <li>• How many of these were 90-year extensions under the 1993 Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development Act? A percentage is fine.</li> <li>• How many extensions for each of the last 10 calendar years? How much was raised in total for each year? If the information is more easily available in fiscal years, please deliver it so, but please do indicate if that's the case.</li> <li>• For each year of the last 10 years, how many extensions were for leases with 80 years remaining or less? How much was raised from these extensions?</li> <li>• How much was raised from the single most-expensive extension? When was this, and how many years were left on the lease before the extension? Again, if records are patchy, please indicate whether this is the most-expensive, or the most-expensive for whatever years are available, and what those years are.</li> <li>• How much was charged to leaseholders in fees in total for these extensions?</li> </ul>	Transferred

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who were the parties paid the fees and how much each? If this includes law firms, please name the top five and how much each of them received.</li> <li>• How many extensions went to tribunal per year for the last 10 years and in total? How much was spent on tribunals by the council?</li> <li>• In total, what percentage of Right to Buy properties were sold leasehold and what percentage freehold by the council? Again, if records are incomplete, a percentage relating to existing records and the timeframe of those records will be fine.</li> </ul> <p>I am given to understand I should receive a response within 20 working days.</p> <p>For the purpose of cost, please consider each of these questions a separate request. The response should be made by email, please, to XXX</p> <p>If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, I would welcome any advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.</p> <p>Indeed, as an experienced handler of information requests, if you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful for any further pointers.</p> <p>I hope it can be seen from my request that I am trying to build as reliable a statistical picture as possible about the nature of leasehold extensions in England and Wales, so please forgive the comprehensive nature of my questions. They are delivered roughly in order of importance.</p> <p>If any of them are proving particularly burdensome, to the detriment of the broader request, please let me know.</p> <p>If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request. My details are outlined below.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.</p>	
FOI6099	21-Oct-2019	Dear Madam / Sir,	Fully Answered

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		<p>I write to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am making this request on behalf of the charity Shelter.</p> <p>I believe that the information requested does not fall under any of the exemptions set out in the Act. I therefore hope the information can be provided within the 20 days stipulated in the Act.</p> <p>If no exemptions apply, there is no reason to consider public interest arguments for or against publication of the information requested. I have, in any case, provided some general and specific arguments as to why it would be in the public interest to release the information requested.</p> <p><b>The Requested Information</b>            The Homelessness Reduction Act (HRA) was introduced across England on 3 April 2018. Local authorities have new duties to assist anyone who is eligible and homeless or threatened with homelessness. The new prevention and relief duties require councils to ‘take reasonable steps’ to help anyone who approaches them who will be homeless in the next 56 days, and to help anyone who is already homeless, to find accommodation.</p> <p>I would like to find out more about the households who are owed the relief duty (section 189B). The relief duty applies when a local authority is satisfied that an applicant is homeless and eligible for assistance. Where there is reason to believe that an applicant is also in priority need, the local authority will have an interim accommodation duty under section 188(1) to ensure that the applicant has somewhere to live pending enquiries.</p> <p>I want to find out more about the households who are owed the relief duty (section 189B) but not accommodated in interim accommodation under section 188(1).</p> <p><b>The request</b>            I would like to request the following data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The total number of households that were owed the relief duty but not accommodated in interim accommodation in 2019 Q1</li> <li>• The total number of adults that were owed the relief duty but not accommodated in interim accommodation in 2019 Q1</li> <li>• The total number of children that were owed the relief duty but not accommodated in interim accommodation in 2019 Q1</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The total number of households that were owed the relief duty but not accommodated in interim accommodation as at 31 March 2019 (or closest possible date)</li> <li>• The total number of adults that were owed the relief duty but not accommodated in interim accommodation as at 31 March 2019 (or closest possible date)</li> <li>• The number of children that were owed the relief duty but not accommodated in interim accommodation as at 31 March 2019 (or closest possible date)</li> </ul> <p>If the number of adults is not known:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of households that were owed the relief duty but not accommodated in interim accommodation in 2019 Q1 by household type (Single parent with dependent children, Single adult, Couple/two adults with dependent children, Couple/two adults without dependent children, Three or more adults with dependent children, Three or more adults without dependent children)</li> <li>• The number of households that were owed the relief duty but not accommodated in interim accommodation as at 31 March 2019 (or closest possible date) by household type (Single parent with dependent children, Single adult, Couple/two adults with dependent children, Couple/two adults without dependent children, Three or more adults with dependent children, Three or more adults without dependent children)</li> </ul> <p>If your council does not hold the specific information described at any question I respectfully request that you provide any information it does hold from which these figures may be calculated. This could include any one database, spreadsheet or word document holding data relating to the number of households owed a relief duty who are not accommodated in interim accommodation. Please share this excluding any information which could be considered personal information under the Data Protection Act.</p> <p><b>Exemptions</b> Section 12 I understand that one exemption that may apply to this request is that described at Section 12(1) – 12(4) of the Freedom of Information Act, where “the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit”. If the organisation does refuse the request by relying on Section 12, I would respectfully ask that it comply with the Information Commissioner’s advice and confirm whether or not this information is held by the organisation. Further, I am available to help and assist the organisation, and would be happy to refine the request, in order to reduce the time needed to provide the information requested. I would respectfully ask that the organisation</p>	

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		<p>considers its duty “to provide advice and assistance” as set out at Section 16 of the Act. The Information Commissioner states in advice that “a public authority should consider in these circumstances how it can provide advice and assistance to help an applicant narrow, reform or refocus their request.”</p> <p><b>Public Interest</b></p> <p>I do not believe that any of the Freedom of Information Act exemptions should apply to the information requested. However, in the case that the organisation argues otherwise, here are some arguments as to why it would be in the public interest – and indeed the interests of your organisation and the people it serves – to release the information I have requested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a bias toward disclosure in the Freedom of Information Act itself, as there is a general public interest in transparency in public affairs and in how money raised through taxation is managed and spent.</li> <li>• There is a legitimate aim in greater transparency in the inner workings and processes of the council.</li> <li>• Publication serves a strong public interest in ensuring that homeless households are receiving the support they need to effectively prevent and relieve their homelessness.</li> <li>• There is increased public interest in the Homelessness Reduction Act due to the government’s 2-year review of the Act.</li> <li>• The publication of the information requested serves the interests of the council, the Ministry of Housing, Community and Local Government (MHCLG) and homeless households as it will improve understanding of how the Homelessness Reduction Act is being implemented. This information can be used to make improvements to the Act and its impact of the lives of homeless people.</li> </ul> <p>I very much look forward to your response.</p>	
FOI6100	03-Oct-2019	<p>The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 provides members of the public with rights to inspect, within an annual inspection window, the council’s accounts and related documents. It also provides local electors with the right to object to an item of the accounts. Prior to the 2014 Act these same rights were enshrined in the Audit Commission Act 1998. As a regular user of these rights, in my capacity as a local journalist, local elector, member of accountability campaigns and academic researcher I am interested in understanding the frequency and the way in which these rights are being used across the country. The MHCLG have recently launched an independent inquiry into the quality of local authority audit (the Redmond Review). One of the questions in the recent call for views asks whether the “the inspection and objection regime allow local residents to hold their council to account in an effective manner?” whilst also acknowledging that data is not currently gathered at a national level on the citizen uses of these rights. I feel there is therefore a strong public interest in the timely disclosure of the information in this request. Please provide the following information:</p>	Fully Answered

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		<p>A. For all the objections you received between 2009 and 2019 (i.e. relating to financial years 2008/9 to 2018/19 inclusive) please provide the following information in an excel spreadsheet.</p> <p>Please use the list below as column headers and compile the data for each objection in a separate row.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Objection reference no.</li> <li>2. Financial year the objection relates to</li> <li>3. Subject/summary of the objection</li> <li>4. Date objection was received</li> <li>5. Did objector ask the auditor make a referral to the High Court?</li> <li>6. Did objector ask the auditor to issue a Public Interest Report?</li> <li>7. Was the objection accepted as valid?</li> <li>8. If not, why?</li> <li>9. Was a public interest report issued?</li> <li>10. Was a referral made to the High Court?</li> <li>11. If so, what was the High Court's decision?</li> <li>12. Were any other recommendations made or actions taken by the auditor under the powers set out in Section 24 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act?</li> <li>13. Date objector was sent a final decision notice</li> <li>14. How much was the council charged by the auditor to carry out work in relation to the objection?</li> </ol> <p>B. For all the inspection requests you received between 2009 and 2019 (i.e. relating to financial years from 2008/9 to 2018/19 inclusive), please provide the following information in an excel spreadsheet. Please use the list below as column headers and compile the data for each inspection request in a separate row.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inspection reference number</li> <li>2. Financial year inspection request refers to</li> <li>3. Date request for information received</li> <li>4. Was the request accepted as valid?</li> <li>5. If not, why?</li> <li>6. Was request transferred to FOI?</li> <li>7. If transferred to FOI, what was the justification for doing so?</li> <li>8. Subject/summary of request as recorded</li> <li>9. Which department(s) dealt with the information request?</li> <li>10. Date the response and documents requested were sent to requester</li> </ol>	
FOI6102	21-Oct-2019	Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could I request the following information:	Fully Answered



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		<p>1) Please provide a copy of your most up to date digital strategy document or link.</p> <p>2) What budget is the council setting aside to invest in innovation in 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23?</p> <p>3) Please list all the digital innovation projects the council will be working on from 2020-2023.</p> <p>4) Please name the partners you are working with to deliver these projects?</p> <p>5) Who is responsible for digital transformation in your organisation?</p>	
FOI6103	15-Oct-2019	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I respectfully request the following information.</p> <p>I would like a list of all Non domestic properties within your authority. This needs to include all of the below (where Available).</p> <p>For each of the following years: 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016. 2015, 2014, 2013</p> <p>I would like to know the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Business Name (If not a Sole Trader)</li> <li>- Full Address of Property</li> <li>- All if any Business Rates Relief applied to the property</li> <li>- Status: either active, dissolved, in liquidation or in administration</li> <li>- Opening balance at the start of the year</li> <li>- Closing balance at the end of the year</li> <li>- The Rateable Value of the Property at the start of the year</li> <li>- The Rateable Value of the Property at the end of the year</li> </ul> <p>I would request that the data is provided in excel format (xls)</p>	Fully Answered
FOI6111	07-Oct-2019	<p>I am a reporter from The Daily Telegraph currently looking into the recycling system in the UK.</p> <p>I was wondering if the press office is able to handle my below request for information?</p> <p>1) As far as the Council is aware, was any of the plastic collected in 2018 by the Council's Recycling Collection Services ultimately exported to be recycled outside the UK?</p> <p>2) If yes, please provide the names of all companies that were responsible for exporting this plastic?</p> <p>3) Does the Council have any estimation of how much plastic was exported outside the UK during 2018? If so, please provide this in terms of tonnes of plastic exported.</p> <p>4) Does the Council know which countries plastic was exported to during 2019? If so, please provide this.</p>	Fully Answered
FOI6617	27-Sep-2019	<p>Dear Sir, Madam</p> <p>I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please can you tell me how many individual potholes you have identified or had reported to you since</li> </ul>	Transferred

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		<p>January 2017? Please break down the figures in an Excel file that lists results by each half year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please can you also provide me with your annual spend on pothole repairs since January 2017? Please break down the figures in an Excel file that lists results by each half year.</li> </ul> <p>If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.</p> <p>If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.</p>	

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