

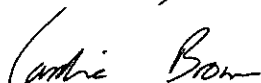
Section 12 FOIA makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with the request would exceed the appropriate limit, which for government departments (such as the Charity Commission) is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days (i.e. 24 hours) in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. It may be that if we scrutinised the files for all 92 cases (and there will be at least one file per case) in relation to your query we would be able to give you the information. If we assume that on average a file contains 20 documents producing a conservative estimate of a potential 1840 documents to be examined in this instance and if we allow a conservative rate of at least a minute per document we would certainly exceed the limit. We will not therefore process this aspect of your request further.

Again, I am sorry that we could not provide you with more of the information you requested but hope the above goes some way to help. I would just take this opportunity to alert you to the fact that annual returns for all the charities on our register are publicly available and searchable on our website.

If you are unhappy with our response to your FOI request, have a complaint or wish to request a review of our FOI decision, you should write to: Charity Commission Direct, PO Box 1227, LIVERPOOL, L69 3UG. Please state what it is you are dissatisfied with, which will assist us when we review our response. If you request a Decision Review you will be notified of our final decision.

If after this you remain unhappy with the decision, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

*Yours sincerely*



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