



Our reference RFI 1136

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Mr J Walker

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Dear Mr Walker

Request for Information - RFI 1136

I write following my acknowledgement of your request on 30 July 2009.

Please find our response below:

1. The names and ranks/grades of all employees in your organisation who are Common Purpose 'graduates'.

The names and job titles of the attendees and 'graduates' have been withheld due to Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, which states that personal information should be withheld if its disclosure would breach any of the eight Data Protection Principles defined by the Data Protection Act.

- The disclosure of this personal information would breach the First Data Protection Principle because the individuals in question would not expect their personal information to be made publicly available.
- Such a disclosure would therefore be unlawful, due to a breach of the confidentiality expected between employee and employer, and unfair, as the individual does not expect their personal information to be released. This would therefore be a breach of the first Data Protection Principle, which states that personal information shall be processed fairly and lawfully.

2. The total expenditure by your organisation on Common Purpose courses for each of the years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002,2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 to date together with a copy of the invoice for each Common Purpose course paid for by your organisation.

Please see below the payments made from the Audit Commission to Common Purpose:

Year	Gross	Net
1999-00^	£8,918.25	£7,590.00

2000-01	£9,934.63	£8,455.00
2001-02	£10,633.75	£9,050.00
2002-03	£25,732.50	£21,900.00
2003-04	£14,605.25	£12,430.00
2004-05	£18,212.50	£15,500.00
2005-06	£26,731.25	£22,750.00
2006-07	£0.00	£0.00
2007-08	£0.00	£0.00
2008-09	£7,718.75	£6,625.00
2009-10*		
Total	£122,486.88	£104,300.00

^ Information prior to September 1999 is no longer held in either electronic or hard copy format. This is in compliance with our archiving policy and statutory obligations.

* No invoices have been processed to date for the current year.

Copies of the invoices

Please find attached invoices for the period Autumn 2004 to date. The course titles are listed on the invoices.

Please note that prior to Autumn 2004, invoices were manually processed and authorised, and are not held electronically. Should you wish us to consider extracting the pre-Autumn 2004 original hardcopy invoices from our archive, please contact me; an estimation of the time required, and any potential charge to you, will then be calculated.

The names and job titles of the attendees and those who authorised the expenditure have been withheld for the reasons outline in response to point 1 of your request above.

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If you are unhappy with this response, or the way your request has been handled, you can raise a complaint under the Audit Commission's Access to Information Complaints Procedure, please find via this link:

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Yours sincerely

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