

Request:

I am interested in the amounts paid by each school in North Tyneside LEA to third parties in relation to temporary staffing cover. My hope is to receive an electronic breakdown of amounts paid through the department's purchase ledger by school.

Notes:

1. I would like the information in electronic format. This should avoid any printing cost issues.
2. In order to avoid your having to collate information from peripheral systems, I am willing to accept information only from your main system (I would like you to advise which system this is). By main system I mean the system that handles the largest part of the department's expenditure. If supplier payments are made through separate systems, then I would like you to choose the main system for each.
3. The information I require for each school is: School Name; Supplier name and total amount paid.
4. I would like the information to cover the year 2008/9. I will accept 2007/8 figures if this is not possible.

Response:

We are unable to provide the information in the detail requested. Please see below answers to some of questions

1. All schools hold this information in their MIS systems. The local authority does not have details on this spend in its systems. Therefore to obtain this information it would be necessary for you to contact each school directly.
2. Schools have their own bank accounts and hold all supplier payment details. Please see above.
3. As each school hold this data this would need to be supplied by each school. Please see above.
4. All schools are required to produce a report at year end called Consistent Financial Reporting (CFR) which reports all income and expenditure. This information is produced by schools and published on the DCSF benchmarking website. This expenditure is shown as the total amount spent in year, it does not show any break down by supplier. The code which identifies the spend for supply teacher cover is "Code E26 Agency Supply Staff " - this is the costs for teaching staff cover paid to an agency, this includes cover for all reasons e.g. maternity, illness, training

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From CFR in 2008-09 the total amount paid by all schools to third parties for teaching cover is £ 2231989

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