

Ms T Potter

By email

06 July 2010

Dear Ms Potter

Thank you for your e-mail of 19 March 2010 (reference 14412) in which you ask for copies of the UASC costing information submissions that we hold that were submitted by the 5 local authorities (cross reference 12455) including amendments. We wrote to you on the 20 April to ask whether you still wanted this information as it was apparent it had also been requested and received from the local authorities themselves. You responded stating you still want this information and this request became reference 14748. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Firstly I must apologize for the delay in this response. As the reform programme is no longer continuing in the way originally envisaged, and in particular specialist authorities are not being pursued, the information supplied by local authorities was no longer needed and when the lead official retired it was not archived. However an extensive search has located most of the information you require. Please find attached the submissions for Warwickshire, Barnsley and Solihull. I am afraid I have not been able to locate a submission by Leicestershire or Tameside nor can I find the unamended version submitted by Solihull.

In keeping with the Freedom of Information Act, we assume that all information can be released to the public unless it is exempt. In line with normal practice we are therefore releasing the information which you requested via the Home Office website.

I hope that this information meets your requirements. I would like to assure you that we have provided you with all relevant information that the Home Office holds.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference 14748. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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