

Mr Nick Chance	22/05/2008
	Your ref:
	Our ref: FOI08-0033

Dear Mr Chance

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (the Act)

I can confirm that Advantage West Midlands has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 22/05/08. We can confirm that Advantage West Midlands holds the information requested and has used the services of Common Purpose on occasion, in order to meet an identified training need. It is the Agency's practice to use the most appropriate training intervention to meet an identified training need.

You requested the following specific details

1. *The names and ranks/grades of all Advantage West Midlands who are Common Purpose "graduates".*

We can confirm that we have 2 people who have had some Common Purpose Training, but we cannot disclose their names as this information would be exempt under section 40 of the Act where the Data Protection Principles must be taken into account. Similarly, we cannot provide the designation of the two members of staff as this might be attributable to the individuals concerned and identify them inadvertently.

2. *Please detail total expenditure by Advantage West Midlands on Common Purpose courses for each of the following years:*

2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 to date.

From 2004 to date the Agency spent £1230 in total on common Purpose Training. We spent £280 in 2005 and £950 in 2006.

3. *Please explain why you see fit to associate with this highly questionable organization?*

This question appears to be inviting an opinion or an endorsement. Freedom of Information does not cover opinion, it deals with factual recorded information. In consequence, we are unable to reply to this question, specifically.

If you are dissatisfied with the way we have handled your request, or if you are unhappy with our response, you can appeal via our Complaints Procedure, a copy of which is enclosed.



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Yours sincerely

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