

5th Oct 2009

Dear Mr. Barry Low

**Information Request – Decision – Full release**

I am writing with regard to your postings on the website [www.whatdotheyknow.com](http://www.whatdotheyknow.com) where you ask for total expenditure by NHS Health Scotland on training courses provided by the organisation “Common Purpose” over the years 1997 to 2008.

Firstly, may I assure you that your original request dated 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009 never reached NHS Health Scotland. It was only as a consequence of one item of later correspondence from you being caught by our IT systems “spam filter”, that we were able to identify your original request posted on the website above and therefore provide you with this answer.

The email address for you, provided by the website above and identified within the email caught by our spam filter, is the only means by which we are able to respond to you.

***Information released***

After reviewing your request, we have established from our financial systems that Health Scotland has no record of a supplier called “Common Purpose” and therefore has no financial transactions with such a company. Specifically therefore, our expenditure with the company “Common Purpose” through the years 1997 - 2009 is £0.

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The Act gives you the right to ask the Chief Executive to review his decision regarding your request. If you wish to do this, you should make your request to the Chief Executive within 40 working days of receipt of this letter. Your request must be in a recordable format (letter, email, audio tape, etc).

When a request for review is received by this office, it may be dealt with by a Head of Department or Director who will review the original decision and any supporting arguments you may wish to make.

The Head of Department/Director will then consult the Chief Executive before responding to you, all within 20 working days.

In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

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