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Dear Mr Bhamjee

Freedom of Information Request

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), which we received on 23 November 2017.

The wording of your request was as follows:

Dear Waltham Forest Borough Council,

I, Ismail Bhamjee do hereby make a request that:-

- 1) There is a judgment given in the High Court of Justice Claim Number CO/2100/2017 which has been reported as <http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2017/2252.html> Can you provide me the amount that had been paid to the named Barrister Mr P. Stagg**
- 2) Can you provide the name of the Officer from the Waltham Forest Council who had instructed the Barrister and how many years has he/She worked for the Council.**
- 3) Please kindly provide the name of the District Judge who had made the Liability Order and the name and address of the Magistrates Court.**
- 4) How many persons have been sanctioned under Section 2 of the Mental Health Act 1983 for non-payment of Rent and or Council Tax Arrears in the past three years.**

In response to the above request I can confirm that the Council does hold the requested information and advise you as follows:

- 1) The amount paid to Mr P Stagg was £3,500 plus VAT
- 2) Kim Travis, Head of Litigation and Public Law Team, who has worked for the Council since July 2009.
- 3) The Magistrate Court hearings are in public therefore this information is already in the public domain.

- 4) The Council does not hold information in relation to Section 2 of the Mental Health Act 1983 because it does not gather that information from council tax payers.

I trust that this satisfies your request sufficiently, however, if you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you have the right to complain about the Council's response to your request for information. If you wish to pursue such a complaint, please do so within 28 days from the date of this letter and ask for a review of the Council's decision. Please write to: The Information Officer, Learning from Complaints Team, Room 104, Waltham Forest Town Hall, Walthamstow E17 4JF, or email information.officer@walthamforest.gov.uk. Please mark your request clearly as "Request for Review".

If after receiving a response to the review, you remain dissatisfied with the Council's response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner. Further information can be obtained via the Information Commissioner's helpline 0303 123 1113 or their website at:

http://www.ico.gov.uk/complaints/freedom_of_information.aspx

Yours sincerely,



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