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Dear Mr Henderson

Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your Freedom of Information Request received on 22\textsuperscript{nd} January 2016

Your request asked for the following information:

\textbf{Your Request}

1. Please can you confirm how many Special Schools you have within your Local Authority?

2: Please can you confirm what your total spend on Allied Health Professional (AHP) agency staff was during the financial year 2014-15 within your Special Schools? Can you please break this financial information down by AHP specialism:

    • Arts Therapists,
    • Chiropodist/Podiatrist,
    • Dietician,
    • Occupational Therapist,
    • Physiotherapist,
    • Prosthetist / Orthotist,
    • Imaging Professionals,
    • Speech / Language Professionals.

3. Please can you confirm the names of the organisation/s you procure temporary Allied Health Professionals (AHP) from for your Special Schools?

To provide additional clarity on my request, ‘temporary Allied Health Professionals’ is to mean all persons who are AHPs and are not on permanent contracts of employment with the Local Authority, but are supplied via employment agencies.
Council’s Response

We can confirm the following information with regards your request above.

1. Please can you confirm how many Special Schools you have within your Local Authority?

   **There are 4 Special Schools within South Tyneside**

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   - Arts Therapists,
   - Chiropodist/Podiatrist,
   - Dietician,
   - Occupational Therapist,
   - Physiotherapist,
   - Prosthetist / Orthotist,
   - Imaging Professionals,
   - Speech / Language Professionals.

   **South Tyneside Council does not hold the information requested. Please see advice and assistance**

3. Please can you confirm the names of the organisation/s you procure temporary Allied Health Professionals (AHP) from for your Special Schools?

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Advice and Assistance

The Council is under a duty to provide advice and assistance to requesters under section 16 of the Act when unable to provide you with the information you have requested. Information concerning the Council’s current list of schools can be found on the Council’s internet site using the following link:

[http://www.southtyneside.info/applications/2/schools/](http://www.southtyneside.info/applications/2/schools/)

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The ICO’s contact details are as follows: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF. More information can be found on the ICO’s website at www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk.

If you have any further queries about this matter then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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