

Mr Permjit Kalsi

25 May 2018

Dear Mr Kalsi

Freedom of information requests dated 29th April, 02nd May, 07th May and 14th May 2018

I am writing in response to the above and as Burton and South Derbyshire College's Freedom of Information Officer.

Section 12 of the FOIA states that a public body does not have to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the costs of complying with the request would exceed 'the appropriate limit'. The 'appropriate limit' is prescribed in regulations (the "Fees Regulations") as being £450 or 18 hours at an hourly rate of £25. Additionally, when a public authority is estimating whether the appropriate limit is likely to be exceeded, it can include the costs of complying with two or more requests if the conditions laid out in Regulation 5 of the Fees Regulations can be satisfied, namely where the requests are:

1. Made by one person, or by different person who appear to be acting in concert;
2. Made for the same or similar information; and
3. Received by the public authority within any period of 60 consecutive working days

To this end I am writing to confirm to you that we will not be complying with the aforementioned requests, which have been considered alongside these regulations, as the time associated with determining where the information is held; locating the information; retrieving the information; and extracting the information significantly exceeds the 'appropriate limit'.

It may be that reducing the number of requests that you have made or reducing the historical timeframe relating to these requests may reduce this time so that the 'appropriate limit' is not exceeded.

This concludes our consideration of your request and this letter/email constitutes our refusal notice under Section 12(1) FOIA. If you are unhappy with the way your request has been dealt with or you wish to refine your request, please contact me via john.beaty@bsdc.ac.uk.

Yours sincerely



John Beaty
Deputy Principal and Freedom of Information Officer