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Our ref: FOI 2019/242

Dear Mr Lawson,

**Request for Information under Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**

Thank you for your email which was received by the University on 21 September 2019 requesting the following information:

**For the years 2017, 2018, and 2019, please publish the total amount paid to each of the following publishers for academic journals:**

**Wiley  
Springer\*  
Elsevier  
Taylor & Francis  
Sage  
Oxford University Press  
Cambridge University Press  
Nature Publishing Group\*  
Royal Society of Chemistry  
Institute of Physics Publishing**

**I understand that your expenditure records may be held in academic financial years rather than calendar years. If so, I am happy for the response to be provided in the same format, with figures for 2016/17, 2017/18, and 2018/19. Although 2019 has not ended yet, my understanding is that payments for access to journals for 2019 are likely to have all been made by now.**

**The figures should include payments made directly to the publishers as well as any payments made to subscription agents or intermediaries for the purchase of, and/or access to, the publishers' academic journals. They should also include payment for journal packages such as Jisc Collections agreements, as well as for individual journals. Please include VAT where possible, and indicate whether or not figures include VAT.**

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**\* Although Springer Nature is the parent company for these two publishers, my understanding is that Springer journals and Nature journals are still paid for separately, so I think it makes sense to regard these as two different publishers with different expenditure amounts.**

### **University's response**

The following information relates to subscription amounts paid per academic year.

<b>PUBLISHER</b>	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT PAID (INCLUDING VAT)</b>		
	<b>2016/2017</b>	<b>2017/2018</b>	<b>2018/2019</b>
<b>Wiley</b>	£264,283	£270,392	£276,601
<b>Springer</b>	£162,349	£164,960	£168,651
<b>Elsevier (Includes Cell Press)</b>	£820,602	£836,775	£852,864
<b>Taylor &amp; Francis</b>	£285,824	£297,554	£307,189
<b>Sage</b>	£139,677	£145,246	£150,476
<b>Oxford University Press</b>	£44,119	£47,043	£52,735
<b>Cambridge University Press</b>	£16,990	£18,499	£19,143
<b>Nature Publishing Group</b>	£51,502	£55,703	£75,165
<b>Royal Society Of Chemistry</b>	£26,457	£26,654	£27,182
<b>Institute Of Physics Publishing</b>	£48,681	£50,779	£53,768

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Yours sincerely,

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