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Dear Stuart Lawson,

Freedom of Information Request Ref: F19\_454

Thank you for your request for information from the University of York. Please see our response below.

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.

I am aware of the previous request sent by S. Goodman in April 2018 (https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/academic\_journal\_costs\_643), so do not require the figures for 2017 for the publishers Elsevier, Wiley, Springer, Taylor & Francis, and Sage.

\* 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.

Information held.

Please note that the University financial year runs 1st August - 31st July. All prices include VAT.

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Cambridge University Press	£51,468.93	£48,607.01	£46,890.11
Elsevier	N/A	£551,451.70	£556,693.56
Institute of Physics Publishing	£54,542.22	£56,736.10	£59,368.80
Nature Publishing Group	£95,812.80	£112,191.85	£117,106.80
Oxford University Press	£62,962.26	£64,992.98	£68,272.54
Royal Society of Chemistry	£27,432.00	£28,791.60	£30,219.60
Sage	N/A	£115,528.37	£120,678.74
Springer	N/A	£179,741.71	£183,289.30
Taylor & Francis	N/A	£215,951.86	£219,982.77
Wiley	N/A	£247,268.64	£257,964.17

I hope this information is useful.

Yours sincerely,

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