

FOI Request – FOI1718/04/17

I refer to your Freedom of Information request received on 23rd April 2018.

Your Request

Dear University of Sunderland,

I would like to be provided with the following information:

For the last 5 years available, for each of them...

1. The total yearly expenditures on academic/scientific journal subscriptions. The year and the global figure only. I understand some paid items may include other types of publications.
2. A list of all subscribed items - journal titles that are individually subscribed and journal packages (name of the bundle/database). Example:

Item of subscription
Journal of Psychology
Journal of Paediatrics
Nature
Environmental Communication
British Politics
PSYarticles
JSTOR package abc
Elsevier package abc
EBSCO package abc

University's Response

Further to Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act") we confirm that the information requested is held by the University of Sunderland (the "University").

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We sought clarification from you regarding this question to identify if spend was required on full text journal databases.

You confirmed that you required spending on full-text databases which may include both print and electronic journals, but not print journal alone.

- Based on clarification received please see attached information incorporating overall spend on full-text databases and Academic Journals

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We sought clarification from you regarding this question to identify if you required a list of individual journal titles where there were individual subscriptions, and also if this was to include print, print + e, and e subscriptions?

You confirmed that you required a list of all individually subscribed journal titles, only if they were subscribed and not part of any package.

- Based on clarification received please see attached information which incorporates individual subscriptions

If you have any further enquiries about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0191 515 2461, or by emailing sunfoi@sunderland.ac.uk.

Kind regards,

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