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Dear Ms Walker

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INFORMATION REQUEST  
CONCERNING AGENCY SPEND IN PRUs/COLLEGES**

Thank you for contacting Worcestershire County Council.

Unfortunately your request cannot be met because a legal exemption applies. The legal exemption that applies is Section 12.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, which for local authorities is set at £450, or 18 hours of staff time spent.

To comply with your request would require **us to check 198 maintained schools and PRUs** which, in this case, would take an estimated 49.5 hours. The estimate has been arrived at based on the following: **198 x 15 minutes (conservative estimate) = 49.5 hours**. We would advise that we do not hold information for colleges.

Your request:

*I am interested in the amounts paid by all pupil referral units and colleges schools in Worcestershire LEA for staffing cover. My hope is to receive an electronic breakdown of amounts paid through the department's purchase ledger by school from January 2014 to present day Please can you supply the following information in an excel spread sheet format:-School Name – URN or DFE number – agency/supplier name – total amount paid*

If you have a complaint about the handling of this enquiry then in the first instance please contact:

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Yours sincerely

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