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FEE LIMIT EXCEEDED

Dear Fatima,

Re: Freedom of Information request 1904056

Thank you for your request for information, reference number 1904056 received by North Lincolnshire Council 21st April requesting information about Common Purpose Graduates.

It is estimated that the cost of officer time required to provide the requested information is above the fee limit of £450 (18 hours) set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 and therefore the council is not obliged to meet your request. Further information can be found in the council's [Information Request Charging Policy](#).

The request is over the fee limit because anyone can undertake a Common Purpose Training Course, it does not need to be driven by the employer. In order to respond to this enquiry would require contacting all North Lincolnshire Council employees to determine if they are a graduate.

If you would like assistance to put together a modified request that is cheaper and falls within the fee limit please contact me. Alternatively if you would like to submit your own a modified request, we will reassess the cost of meeting it. When the cost falls below £450, your request will be processed in the normal way.

Sometimes where a request cannot be brought within the fee limit we will agree to provide the information for a fee. If you would like to discuss paying a fee for your request please contact me.

Please let me know if you would like to proceed with your request for information. In the meantime, your request has been put on hold. If I do not hear from you within 3 months your request will lapse and will be closed.

If you are unhappy about how we have dealt with your request please let me know and I will refer the matter to the council's [Information Complaints Policy](#). Alternatively you can complain using the council's [online complaint form](#) on the Contact Us page of the North Lincolnshire Council website.

You also have the right to appeal directly to the [Information Commissioner's Office \(ICO\)](#), although please note the ICO usually expect the council to have investigated your concerns first.

Yours sincerely

Information Governance Team
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