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Dear Ms York

**Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Requests from the media**  
**Reference Number: CEX/9LZDM5**

Thank you for your request for information, which was received by Manchester City Council on 14th July 2014 and has been considered under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the 2000 Act").

The details of your request and the Council's response are provided below.

1. *How many Freedom of Information requests did you receive in each of the last three years (either Jan – Dec or financial year, however you log them)*

The figures below are for FOI/EIR requests received for the last 3 financial years.

2013/14 – 1907

2012/13 – 1670

2011/12 - 1468

2. *How many were received from the media (if you could tell from the request) – for media I mean national or local newspapers, national or local TV and national or local radio. Do not count website/blogs etc)*

Where indicated the following requests were received from the media

2013/14 – 275.

2012/13 – 227

2011/12 - 158

3. *How many of those requests from the media were environmental requests and were considered under EIR?*

For statistical reporting purposes the Council does not differentiate between requests made under Freedom of Information (FOI) and Environmental Information Regulations (EIR). Therefore, this information is not held.

4. *If you publish a FOI disclosure log could you please send me the link and indicate any reference numbers of requests falling under Q2? If they are not on a disclosure log could you send me the relevant responses (minus the name and address of requester)*

Manchester City Council does not publish a disclosure log. To find this information from the figures provided in question 2 it is estimated that the statutory cost limit of £450 would be exceeded. The cost limit is calculated as being approximately 2.5 days of a council officer's time to determine whether the Council holds the information and to locate, retrieve and extract it. If you require more information about the Council's Fees & Charges Policy, this may be downloaded from

[http://www.manchester.gov.uk/site/scripts/documents\\_info.php?documentID=1322&pageNumber=1](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/site/scripts/documents_info.php?documentID=1322&pageNumber=1).

The 2000 Act does not oblige the Council to comply with requests that exceed the statutory cost limit and therefore I am not able to comply with this aspect of your request.

If you are able to modify or narrow the scope of your request, it may be possible to provide some information without exceeding the statutory limit. If you decide to modify/narrow the scope of your request, please note that this will be treated as a new request and dealt with in accordance with the time limits specified in the 2000 Act

5. *If you keep a log of FOI request that result in media coverage for your organisation, or any press cuttings, could you send me that log please.*

This information is not held by the Council.

If you are not satisfied with this response you may ask for an internal review. If you wish an internal review to be undertaken you should contact the Information Compliance Team whose address is Democratic and Statutory Services, Town Hall, Albert Square, Manchester, M60 2LA and email [informationcompliance@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:informationcompliance@manchester.gov.uk). A copy of the Council's access to information complaints procedure can be downloaded from: [http://www.manchester.gov.uk/downloads/download/2063/access\\_to\\_information\\_complaint\\_procedure](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/downloads/download/2063/access_to_information_complaint_procedure). If you do not have internet access and require a paper copy, please let me know.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review process, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Democratic Service