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Dear Ms Scorer

Re: Your request for information: Ref No. 205082

I am writing further to your request for information dated 8 February 2012. Please accept our apologies for the delay in providing this response.

We note from an earlier request to the Council, reference 200685, in which you requested:

“I would be grateful if you could provide me with the agency spend on Occupational Therapists for: Jan-Dec 2010 and Jan-Dec 2011”

In reply we provided you with the following information:

The cost of agency cover in the years noted is described below. This would cover all posts involved in the direct provision of occupational therapy, including Seniors:

January 2010 - December 2010 £118,884
January 2011 - December 2011 £96,998

Your current request is as follows:

**“I would be grateful if you could supply the following information:
Agency spend on OT's for 2010-2011
Agency spend on OT's for 2011-2012”**

We consider we have already provided you with the costs for January - December 2010 and January - December 2011.

The costs for the current financial year, 2011-2012 will be available at the end of April 2012.

Under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act, information to be published at a future date, the Council is not obliged to comply with your request above.

Section 22 is a qualified exemption which requires the Council to carry out a public interest test. In considering the balance of whether it is in the public interest to disclose the information requested or whether it should be withheld, we consider it to be reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from

disclosure as publication is imminent and it would not be in the public interest to disclose it at this time.

In accordance with section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for the information requested.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make an appeal for a review of our decision, please write to the:

Corporate Freedom of Information Officer
The Governance Team (2nd Floor)
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London
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If you are not content with the outcome of your appeal, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted our internal appeal procedure and you should contact him within 2 months of the outcome of your internal appeal.

Further information on the Freedom of Information Act is available through the Information Commissioner at the:

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Yours sincerely,

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