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Please ask for: Freedom of Information
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Our ref: FR8174
Your ref:
Date: 4th May 2018

Dear Mr Hinch,

Information Request: FR8174

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 14th April 2018 which was received by us on 16th April 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act and is detailed below in italics with our response in bold.

(Please note the extract below has been taken directly from your original information request and is unedited).

Our Response

The Freedom of Information Team has been provided with the following information in response to your recent request on behalf of Northamptonshire County Council (NCC).

I am researching on the impact of bus cuts and changes in legislation relating to Section 19 and Section 22 Permits issued to Not for Profit operators of buses. This change is likely to have a significant impact on the cost base for operating Community Transport Services which are carried out by numerous charitable and social enterprise organisations.

To assist with our response to Dept of Transport we request the level of spend with these organisations within your authority.

From our research we have identified at least two such groups being Northampton Door to Door Service and Shire Community Services but this is not an exclusive list

Please provide

1. Please advise the names of any Not for Profit organisations that payments have been made to in the last five financial years (2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18)

- **Daventry Area Community Transport**
- **Gayton & Tiffield Community Minibus**

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- Lilbourne Community Mini Bus
- Milton Keynes Community Transport
- Nene & Ouse Community Transport
- Northampton Door to Door Scheme
- Rushton Community Mini Bus
- South Northants Volunteer Bureau
- The Villager Minibus (Sharnbrook)
- Wellingborough Volunteer Bureau t/a Shire

2. for the last 5 financial years either actual or latest known amount for the immediate past fiscal year) the amount of payments made to each of these organisations covering but not limited to

2.1 Grants to support the operation of each organisation

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Daventry Area Community Transport	£28080	£28080	£28080	£28080	£28080
Gayton & Tiffield CMB	£3198	£3198	£3198	£3198	£3198
Nene & Ouse CT	£11887				
Northampton Door to Door	£46410	£46410	£46410	£46410	£46410
Rushton CMB	£3354	£3354	£3354	£3354	
South Northants VB	£2652	£2652	£2652	£2652	£2652
Wellingborough VB	£11538	£11538	£11538	£11538	£11538

2.2 Payments for services provided by each organisation for Adult Social needs
Please see attached spreadsheet.

2.3 Payments for services provided by each organisation for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)
Please see attached spreadsheet.

2.4 Payments for concessionary fare reimbursement

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Gayton & Tiffield CMB	£3150.18	£3920.00	£2920.10	£2571.80	£2596.88
Lilbourne CMB	£1510.12	£1786.07	£1669.63	£1765.71	£1423.16
Milton Keynes CT	£5381.50	£2405.00	-	-	-
Northampton Door to Door	£38744.80	£61963.15	£63279.19	£63252.85	£66133.19
The Villager	£710.66	£588.25	£526.55	£246.77	£90.12
Wellingborough VB	£107385.68	£117157.70	£145024.28	£142086.11	£166014.11

3. For the Grants in 2.1 above please provide for each organisation the following

3.1 Application process undertaken and how they were evaluated

The application/evaluation process was carried out historically and the information is no longer held or recorded.

3.2 What assessment and review process was undertaken by yourselves (inc Northamptonshire Highways) to ensure compliance and accuracy of submissions

Each year we carry out a check to ascertain that the grant is still funding the same scope of operation.

4.0 For payments in 2.4 above, how was the rates charged by the organisation calculated, what audits have been carried out and how much has been reclaimed from the operators for errors found

The operators are reimbursed 100% of the fare foregone. An audit is carried out approximately every three years where a concessionary fares claim is checked from the source data through to the claim. No money has been reclaimed from these operators for errors found (as no errors have been found).

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If our internal review does not resolve the issue to your complete satisfaction, you have the right to apply to the information Commissioner for a decision at the following address:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Or, if you have any complaints in respect of your information request please complete the on-line comments form that can be found at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk, along with a full set of guidance.

Yours sincerely

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