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Please ask for: Service Information Team Leader

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Our Ref: SL005/FR06-31/REH

Your Ref: N/A

Date: 11 July 2017

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Dear Ross

Re: Request for information (our ref: FR06-31)

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 04 July 2017. Our response is provided below:

- Q1 *Number of printers currently within the organisation?*
- Q2 *Who are the main printer supplier(s)?*
- Q3 *Who are the main supplier(s) of print consumables (toner, spares, etc?)*
- Q4 *Does the organisation have a support contract(s) for printers?*
- Q5 *What is the length of the printer support contract?*
- Q6 *What are the start and end dates for the print support contract(s)?*
- Q7 *What is the approximate spend on printers and consumables during the last year?*
- Q8 *What is the number of MFDs or photocopiers within the organisation?*
- Q9 *Who are the main MFD / copier manufacturers and suppliers?*
- Q10 *What is the length of the MFD contract(s)?*
- Q11 *What are the start and end dates on the MFD contracts(s)?*
- Q12 *Approximate spend on MFDs and consumables during the last full year.*
- Q13 *Does your organisation have a managed print contract?*
- Q14 *What are the start and end dates for this contract?*

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Q15 Which procurement route or framework was used to procure this service?

Q16 Who in your organisation is in charge of the procurement of the printing and any managed print contracts?

There is no public purpose to your request. It is clearly a commercial request (sale of services) which does not meet the transparency objectives of the Freedom of Information Act. Your request is not focussed on specific information held by the Council but is a general enquiry to provide information relating to printing/MFD contracts.

It is unclear from your request in its current form what if any public interest there is in disclosing this information. Without clear public interest the Council considers commercial requests vexatious in line with the Upper Tribunal ruling recently upheld by the Court of appeal: <http://www.bailii.org/uk/cases/UKUT/AAC/2013/440.html>. Judge Wikeley indicates in paragraph 35 and 38 that improper use of FOIA [such as no public interest] is a valid consideration to make when considering if a request is vexatious. Using FOI to gain a commercial advantage or seek opportunity over another can be included within this definition.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference FR06-31.

Yours sincerely

J. Cooke

Service Information Team Leader

If you are unhappy with the response, you can ask the Council to review it. To do this, please email enquiries@northantsfire.org.uk or alternatively write to the address below:

Service Information Manager
Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service
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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
Cheshire SK9 5AF

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.