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Dear Francesca,

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Information request regarding School Agency Spend

Thank you for contacting Worcestershire County Council.

Your request:

Could you please provide me with the agency spend for all schools, including primary, secondary, sen, pru's, Academys and nursery's and alternative education settings for Academic year September 2017- August 2018 and September 2018-present ideally split by the total cost, agency names and cost per agency.

If cost cannot be broken down please can you provide a total amount spent per school?

Our response:

Unfortunately your request cannot be met because a legal exemption applies. The legal exemption that applies is Section 12. Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, which for local authorities is set at £450, or 18 hours of staff time spent.

It would take us over 18 hours to complete all parts of your information request. This is because it would take us over 18 hours to locate, retrieve and extract the information required to answer your request. To comply with your request would require us to check the purchasing document for each transaction to extract the individual supplier information and the payment made of over 135 maintained schools which, in this case, would take an estimated 34 hours per academic year. This estimate has been arrived at based on the following:

15 minutes per school x 35 schools = 33.75 hours.

It should further be noted that this excludes Academies as Worcestershire County Council does not hold this information. We may be able to provide you with the information requested should you refine your request to only include one type of school.

If you have a complaint in relation to your request, please contact:

Consumer Relations Department
Worcestershire County Council
County Hall
Spetchley Road
Worcester
WR5 2NP

Tel: 01905 84 6364

If you remain dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner at:

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

Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate)

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Yours sincerely,

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Information Access Officer