



South Tyneside Council

Date: 13th October 2017
Our Ref: FOI 17 18837

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Dear Ms Fowler

Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your Freedom of Information Request received on the 11th October 2017

Your request asked for the following information:

Your Request

I am interested in the amounts paid by each Primary, Secondary and SEND school in relation to temporary staffing cover. My hope is to receive an electronic breakdown of amounts paid through the department's purchase ledger by school or establishment.

1. The information I require for each school is: name of establishment; supplier name and total amount paid.
2. I would like the information to cover the period September 2016 to July 2017.

Council's Response

We can confirm the following information with regards your request above.

Please see the attachment and please note we do not hold the names of suppliers on our system so are unable to split the costs accordingly. As we operate on a financial year basis and do not process monthly accruals, the period of the data requested may not represent the period the expenditure relates to.

This is particularly pertinent to schools which operate with an independent bank account and only inform the local authority of their expenditure at the end of a financial year. In this instance the expenditure shown for those schools will relate to financial year 2016/17 (Schools in question are Harton Technology College, Hebburn School and Mortimer Community College).

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The ICO's contact details are as follows: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF. More information can be found on the ICO's website at www.ico.org.uk

If you have any further queries about this matter then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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