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Dear Section 40

**REFERENCE:** FOI 21/ 94

Thank you for your email dated 6<sup>th</sup> June in which you made a request to know:

- 1. What payments, if any, the Northern Ireland Office made to Stonewall (officially Stonewall Equality Limited) in the financial year 2019/20.**
- 2. What payments, if any, the Northern Ireland Office made to Stonewall (officially Stonewall Equality Limited) in the financial year 2020/21.**
- 3. What payments, if any, the Northern Ireland Office expect to make to Stonewall (officially Stonewall Equality Limited) in the current financial year.**





Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and I can confirm that the following payments have been made to Stonewall Equality Limited:

2019/20: £0.00

2020/21: £3,000.00

2021/22: £3,000.00

These payments are for NIO's participation in the Diversity Champions programme run by Stonewall. Participation in the scheme gives the NIO access to training, resources and advice on good practice on inclusivity. The programme also gives us access to the annual Workplace Equality Index run by Stonewall.

If you believe this reply is not in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you may ask for an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you request a review you should do so in writing stating the reasons.

If following an internal review you were to remain dissatisfied you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner and ask him to investigate whether the NIO has complied with the terms of the FOIA. You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
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The Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. Further details on the role of the Information Commissioner and the handling of appeals can be found at: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

If you wish to discuss this letter or our handling of your request, please contact the Freedom of Information Team using the contact details provided at the top of the first page. Please remember to quote your reference in any correspondence.

Thank you for your interest in the Northern Ireland Office.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Manager**

