

Response by email to:  
[mail to: RT Freud <request-330756-  
abe72270@whatdotheyknow.com>]

Date: 7 June 2016

Our Ref: FOI 19/16

Dear Mr Freud

### **Reference – Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your request for information which was received by the Public Health Agency (PHA) on 16 June 2016 and dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested “the total annual cost of all smoking control and smoking cessation related activities and projects (salary, consultancy, advertising, research, research grants, publications, IT, equipment etc) for the last 5 years, broken down by year and by category of spend”.

Your request has now been considered and the PHA does not hold the information by category of spend as request. To respond in this format would oblige PHA to create information and the Act does not oblige Public Authorities to create information to respond to a request. However, I am pleased to advise you that PHA is able to provide you with details of annual cost as recorded in the financial system.

If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request you may ask for an internal review. A request for internal review should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review.

I trust this response addresses your information requirements however if you have any concerns about the information provided please contact me quoting the reference number in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joan Farley'.

Joan Farley  
Governance Manager

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