

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2016-023

Your request has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and we provide our response below.

You asked:

Private Finance Initiative (PFI)

Sheet 1 Postcodes

Treasury records – Yellow – because the name of individual PFI projects can sometimes change I have asked you to provide in addition to the name, the Unique HMT ID number that identifies a PFI scheme on the HM Treasury spreadsheet so that I can be sure that I am identifying each scheme correctly.

Postal Address – Green – Could you please provide the postal address for each of the PFI projects listed. Where there are multiple addresses, please could you list each in turn and separate each with a forward slash.

Sheet 2 Fines & Deductions

Each of the PFI projects held by the authority may have incurred financial penalties for poor performance. Could you please record the details of each individual fine or deduction, since the first date of operations, in the second page of the spreadsheet.

Deduction information – Green – Could you please give a short narrative summary of the reason for the deduction, select the type of deduction incurred and note whether this was disputed by the contractor.

Date Information – Blue – Could you please record the date on which the deduction was first made then go on to note over how long the deduction was applied.

Financial Information – Orange – Please record the amount that the authority tried to deduct from the contractor, and where the deduction was disputed and the full sum not awarded the final settlement of the dispute.

Your request for information has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and our response is as follows:

Neither the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Dorset or Dorset Police hold the information relevant to your request in a centrally searchable format, and a large amount of the detail you require is held in individual records. As a result we estimate that the manual searches to extract the requested information would exceed our cost limit, which is detailed below. Our enquiries indicate that it would require manual searches of hard copy records held in various locations and would require weeks of work.

Section 17 (5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the OPCC, when refusing to provide such information (because the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit) to provide you with a notice which states that fact.

Under Section 12 (1) of the Act, the OPCC is not obliged to comply with a request for information, where it is estimated that the cost of complying with that request would exceed the 'appropriate costs limit'. The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004 currently sets this limit at £450. These estimated costs are calculated at a rate of £25 per person per hour and amount to 18 hours work.

As we indicate above, our estimate is that the work required would significantly exceed this "appropriate costs limit". This should therefore be considered as a Refusal Notice for this request.

In accordance with our obligation to assist requestors under Section 16 of the Act, the OPCC are happy to discuss ways in which you might be able to refine your request for relevant information, to make it retrievable within the costs limit. However, due to the specific nature of the information you require, and the manner in which it is recorded, we are unable to immediately suggest a refinement in this case.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of your request, or this response notice, please feel free to contact us on the details below:

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