

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Spend on External Firms and Lawyers***

**Request:**

I would like to know the amount of money the council spent on the services of external law firms and barristers over each of the last two years (years ending March 31 2015 and March 31 2016).

Spend on external law firms and barristers:

2014/15 £620,000

2015/16 £740,000

Please note that these figures represent the gross revenue and capital spend on external law firms and barristers and do not take into account costs that have been externally funded, by grant for example or recovery from third parties.