

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Number of FOI Requests Received***

#### **Request:**

- How many FOI requests did you authority receive for the years including and between 2010 and 2016?

2010/11 = 770  
2011/12 = 902  
2012/13 = 803  
2013/14 = 1,201  
2014/15 = 1,245  
2015/16 = 1,155

I would ask that the breakdown shows how many were successful and how many requests were denied?

In response to your above question, following careful consideration the council regrets to inform you that it has decided not to disclose this information.

Information you have requested has been withheld from disclosure. The exemption engaged in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

Section 12 of the FOI exempts Public Authorities from providing information where the estimated cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit. Any estimate must be undertaken in accordance with the limits set in Fees Regulations made under Section (5) of the FOI.

These Fees Regulations (SI 2004/3244 Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations) allow for a refusal where the cost of compliance, for local authorities such as the Council, would exceed £450. As a guide, staff time to identify and extract this information is charged at a rate of £25 per hour.

In summary to provide the information you have requested would take us at least three days (21 hours) to compile as we do not record the number of successful and denied FOI requests and therefore we would have to

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undertake a manual trawl of the above number of FOI requests received to produce the detailed analysis you require. Please see the table below:

<b>Number of FOIs Received 2010-2016</b>	<b>Estimated Mins to Assess each Case File</b>	<b>Total Mins</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>Cost £</b>
6,076	3	18,228	303.80	£7,595.00

- For each year, how many of the requests received were responded to within the 20 working days as stipulated by the act?

2010/11 = 71.4%

2011/12 = 71.0%

2012/13 = 57.9%

2013/14 = 85.8%

2014/15 = 95.2%

2015/16 = 99.5%