

Response to Request for Information

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Public Contracts Regulations 2015 – Regulation 113(7) Disclosure

Request:

I would ask that this communication is treated as a Freedom of Information request.

As a Public Contracting Authority, Wolverhampton City Council has a **Regulation 113 (7) reporting obligation. Please therefore confirm the relevant details for the financial year 2016/17 by completing the table below:

Financial Year	%age invoices paid within 30 days	Interest (£'s) paid to suppliers	Interest (£'s), whether or not claimed, liable to be paid to suppliers	*Number of invoices not paid within 30 days
2016/17				

**Whilst disclosure of the Number of invoices not paid within 30 days (i.e. paid late) is not required as part of the Regulation 113 (7) reporting requirement this information would be known and recorded when calculating the amount of interest liable to be paid if claimed.*

***Link to Guidance Notes PPN 05/15 & 03/16 as issued by Crown Commercial Services is included below.*

If the statutory disclosure has already been made and the information is already published on the Council's website, please provide a link to the relevant webpage.

We can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it on our website via the following link:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/spending>

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean

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that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

In response to Number of invoices not paid within 30 days, 4,344 invoices were paid later than 30 days. We are currently unable to exclude periods where invoices are in dispute so the above figures reflect a worst-case scenario.

We can examine individual transactions on a case by case basis.