

CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
COUNCIL

## Response to Request for Information

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### *Council's Expenditure Records*

#### **Request:**

Thank you for this link to the Council's expenditure records.

It shows payments to OLM Systems as follows:

2012/13: £29k

2013/14: £405k (includes 1 payment of £306,595.73 – this is not explained or annotated)

2014/15: £266k (includes 1 payment of £240k described as 'purchase of software')

2015/16: £379k (includes 1 payment of £240k described as 'maint agreements')

2016/17: £269k (includes 1 payment of £240k described as 'maint agreements')

2017/18: £346k (includes 1 payment of £289k described as 'maint agreements')

2018/19: £318k so far - £285k 'maint agreements' and £33k 'training'

Q1: From this data I would assume that the £29k paid in 2012/13 was the steady state maintenance cost of Carefirst – could you confirm this assumption please?

[In response to question 1, Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at:](#)

- [Section 1\(1\) \(a\) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held.](#)
- [The second duty at Section 1\(1\)\(b\) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.](#)

[In respect of question 1, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we do not have access to this data as it is stored on an old mainframe system and not retrievable.](#)

[Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1\(1\) \(a\) of the Act, that states:](#)

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

Q2: Please provide details of whatever tender process was followed to purchase software in 2014/15 with an initial value of £240k and annual costs in the range £240k - £289k – such a purchase would certainly have breached OJEU thresholds.

The £240k expenditure in 14/15 was for annual maintenance costs of the existing Carefirst system, not the purchase of new software.

Q3: Please explain what the Council spent £306,593.73 on with OLM Systems in 2013/14

Please see our response to question 1.

Q4: Please state when the Eclipse project started, and its go-live date (if not yet live, please state this for the avoidance of doubt).

The Eclipse project started in 2017. It is not live yet, it is anticipated that it will go live around mid-2019.