



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-492, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

Please provide your total spend on communications and public relations for the last three financial year's (20/21,21/22,22/23). For each year I would like a breakdown containing the following information:

- Spend on communications and public relations activities.
- Total number of communications and public relations employees.
- Total salary cost for all communications and public relations employees

Response:

- 20/21 - £54,789

21/22 - £76,396

22/23 - £86,411

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• This information is withheld under Section 40(1) – Personal Information. As there are only 2 members of staff who work in communications and public relations, we feel that providing the total salary cost would be providing their personal data.

In respect of those requests that are answered in full, partially or the total refused, please take this as notice under FOIA, that we:

- a) Consider the information as exempt from disclosure under the Act;
- b) Claim exempt under sections of the Act:

Section 40 (1) – Personal Information (ABSOLUTE)

- c) State why the exemption applies:

(1) Any information to which a request for information relates is exempt information if it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is the data subject.

(2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—

a) it constitutes personal data which does not fall within subsection (1)

As Section 40 is an Absolute exemption, it does not involve a public interest test.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-492.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.