

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

**You asked:**

**I am writing to obtain information about the total amount of money paid to trade unions by your organisation, the amount of staff time spent on trade union duties and/or activities and the payment of subscriptions. To outline my query as clearly as possible, I am requesting:**

- 1. A list of trade unions which received payments from your organisation and the total amounts paid to each union for financial years a) 2011-12 and b) 2012-13. If it is not possible to list the amount paid to each union, please provide a total amount paid to all unions. Please do not include membership dues or salary costs. Please only include direct payments.**

**ANSWER:** None.

**2. Please state:**

- a) Which trade unions your organisation provide staff time to work on trade union duties and / or activities (sometimes called 'Trade Union facility time') in i) 2011-12 and ii) 2012-13.**
- b) The number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff that were provided for each trade union in i) 2011-12 and ii) 2012-13. For example, if a member of staff spends 2 days per week on union business, this is equal to 0.4 FTE.**

Please see table below.

Union	Number of officers	Number of officers
UNISON	6	5
GMB	7	6
NUT	5	5
NASUWT	4	4
ATL	2	2
ASCL	1	1
NAHT	1	1
VOICE	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>

3.

a) Does your organisation provide the facility to deduct trade union subscriptions from staff salaries in the payroll process?

Yes

b) If so, for each union please state what your organisation charged for this service (whether as a fixed amount per employee or a percentage), and the total amount collected in:

i. 2011-12

GMB, Ucat & Unison – 5%  
Unite – 2 ½%  
Total £26,487

ii. 2012-13

GMB, Ucat & Unison – 5%  
Unite – 2 ½%  
Total £28,870

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**Wycliffe House**

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**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**

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