

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 would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please tell me:

- 1. How much the local authority spent defending appeals made to the First Tier Tribunal (SEND) in each of the following financial years: 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, and 2012.**

ANSWER: Other than officer time defending appeals there were no direct costs during the periods 2008/09 to 2012/13 inclusive.

- 2. How much the local authority spent on outside counsel specifically for the purpose of defending appeals made to the First Tier Tribunal (SEND) in each of the following financial years: 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, and 2012.**

There was £987 during 2009/10 only incurred in the use of Counsel defending appeals.

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Information Governance Manager

Information and Support

Leicester City Council

FREEPOST (LE985/33)

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e-mail: FOIA@leicester.gov.uk

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

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Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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