

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:

- a) **The number of freedom of information requests the council has received each year for the last five years.**

ANSWER:

Please see below the number of Foia requests that we have received in each of the last five years:

Year	Number of Foia requests received	Number of Foia requests answered late
2009	746	163
2010	911	193
2011	1053	111
2012	949	117
2013	1132	28

- b) **The number of freedom of information requests the council has received where the information has been disclosed in full each year for the last five years.**
- c) **The number of freedom of information requests the council has received where information has been withheld due to one of the exemptions in the FOI act and the number of times each exemption has been used each year for the last five years.**

We are unable to answer questions b) and c) as we would have to go through each and every Foia request received in the last five years to be able to extract the information that you are looking for and this would take us over the 18 hour time limit.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for local government is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending more than 18 hours in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

This is therefore a Refusal Notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act, because under the provisions of section 12.1 of the Act, the Council estimates that to comply with your request in its current form will exceed the appropriate limit.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required. We do have a duty to advise and assist you in refining your request under s16 of the Act, so please don't hesitate to contact us if you need help in refining your request.

- d) The number of freedom of information requests the council has received where the party requesting the information did not receive a response within the 20 day limit stated in the statute.**

Please see table supplied in response to question a) above with the number of requests that were answered late in each of the five years.

- e) For each of the instances of the information being disclosed late, please could you let me know by long over the 20 day limit the information was delayed.**

We have interrogated our system and checked through all the 2012 & 2013 requests that were answered late. We are unable to provide the previous years' details as the system that we used before 2012 does not hold the information in an accessible form.

Please see attached spreadsheet with the number of days we took over the 20 day response date for each of the instances in 2012 & 2013.

When I state the last five years, I would ideally like the information for the calendar years of 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. However, I would be happy to receive the information broken down by financial year or any other yearly breakdown you use to record the information (during the same time period), if that is easier.

If the total of this request can not be fulfilled within the hours available, I request that you fulfil as many parts of the request as possible working in order from points A through E.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:
Information Governance Manager
Information and Support
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
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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