

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:

The total amount spent by the council on private detectives in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011(so far)?

In each case, please give details of why, when, who, how long for, the cost of detective work, for which council department was the surveillance/detective work done for?

In each case, was the work carried out by council staff, or other independent companies?

The result of each case. For example, I have heard of cases where detectives are used to see if benefits are legal, and as a result, person is taken to court, and overpaid benefits recovered. For each case, how much money recovered as a result of detective work?

Response:

[The Council has not employed any private detectives during the period in question, up to the end of October 2011.](#)

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

**Head of Information Governance
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

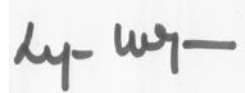
Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', is shown on a light grey rectangular background.

Lynn Wyeth

Head of Information Governance