

## **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:**

**Please provide details of the following:**

- 1. The number of times the council has hired private detectives / investigators since 2008. (Please give a separate number for each financial year.)**
- 2. A list of the departments which hired investigators. This should show the total cost to each department, the number of times it engaged investigators, and why they were hired in each case.**

**If the council has used private investigators in matters involving council employees, please make this clear and outline why in each case.**

[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](mailto: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.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

**Information Commissioner's Office**

**Wycliffe House**

**Water Lane**

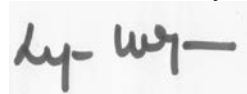
**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**

**Telephone: 01625 545 700**

[www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider appeals or complaints until the internal appeals and complaints processes of the public authority which is answering the request have been exhausted. You are therefore advised to complain or appeal to Head of Information Governance before contacting the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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

**Lynn Wyeth**

**Head of Information Governance**