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REFERENCE: FOI\22\54

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your request for information dated 19 October 2022 and detailed below:

I am writing to request copies of emails in the past three years between Causeway Coast and Glens Council and the Department of Justice, which refer to funding by PSCPs and conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest arising from such funding.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives you two rights of access when you write to us asking for information. You have the right to know whether we hold recorded information in scope of your request, and you have the right to have that recorded information given to you. These rights may only be overridden if the information you are looking for is covered by an exemption in the Act.

Please be advised that the Department has considered your request and has interpreted it as seeking all emails held by the Department relating to the subject matter of Causeway Coast and Glens Council and the Department of Justice which refer to funding by PCSPs and conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest arising from such funding for the past three years. The Department has determined that to fully comply with your request would involve searching all emails created during the past three years using the terms "Causeway Coast and Glens" and "PCSP".



The Department has established that a total of 2073 documents fall within the scope of the search during this time period and has therefore determined that to locate the information requested would considerably exceed the cost limit specified in the regulations as £600. This represents an estimated cost of one person spending 24 working hours, at a cost of £25.00 per hour, to determine whether the Department holds the information and then retrieve and extract that information. Even allowing for a review period of 5 minutes per document, it would take 172 working hours to review all of these documents to establish whether they contain information in scope of the request. This considerably exceeds the time limit under FOI, which is set at 24 hours. Consequently, the department is not obliged to comply with your request under section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000.

We would be happy to receive a more targeted request, which falls within the cost limit.

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information, you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you request an internal review please do so in writing stating the reasons to the address above.

If following an internal review you were to remain dissatisfied you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner and ask the Commissioner to investigate whether the DOJ has complied with the terms of the FOIA. You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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The Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out.

Further details on the role of the Information Commissioner and the handling of appeals can be found at: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk



Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Manager

