

## Records & Information Team

18<sup>th</sup> August 2023

**REFERENCE: FOI/23/55**

Dear Sir

Thank you for your request for information dated 23 July 2023 and detailed below.

*Hi,*

*Is it possible for each department to provide a breakdown of the recurring funding it has provided to each constituency in Northern Ireland since 1998? If that is not possible, over the past 20 years, if that's not possible the past ten and if that's not possible then since the department's inception if that fell within the last ten years.*

*Can the figures be broken down to a) show the level of funding delivered each year; b) Can it show what the money is for?; c) if the project / programme / service is ongoing or has ceased.*

*I do not want funding included for an area which relates to an NI-wide project, if it is NI wide, I still want you to tell me how much investment went to each constituency area.*

*Separately, can each department outline the top 50 most expensive projects / programmes / services it funds on a recurring basis since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement (or over the past 20 / 10 years)?*



*And among those most expensive projects / programmes / services, identify what constituency the money was spent in or if they crossed over into different council areas, list them all and how much applies to each individual area? If any of these projects or programmes have ceased please also specify.*

*Kind regards,*

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 falling in scope of your request, and you have the right to receive this recorded information subject to cost limit or exemption.

We have provided information based on records for the last seven complete financial years in line with the Department's retention and disposal policy. Recurring funding provided by the Department of Justice over the last seven financial years from 2016-17 to 2022-23, by Council Constituency, is outlined in the attached spreadsheet.

The Support Hub model allows each Council to claim up to £3,600 per annum to part fund administrative costs in sharing information to allow them to work with vulnerable individuals to improve their circumstances.

The Department has also provided recurring funding to other organisations who provide Northern Ireland wide services. The Department has been advised by these organisations that such expenditure is not recorded in the format requested and therefore the totals provided by the Department in the attached spreadsheet, do not include spend by these organisations on Northern Ireland wide services.

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Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Manager**

