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**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**Request**

Please provide your total spend on communications and public relations for the last three financial year's (20/21,21/22,22/23). For each year I would like a breakdown containing the following information:

- Spend on communications and public relations activities.
- Total number of communications and public relations employees.
- Total salary cost for all communications and public relations employees

**Response**

	20/21	21/22	22/23
• Spend on communications and public relations activities.	<b>£ 69,974.38</b>	<b>£ 77,849.77</b>	<b>£ 57,009</b>
• Total number of communications and public relations employees.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
• Total salary cost for all communications and public relations employees	<b>£294,438.51</b>	<b>£338,408.16</b>	<b>£389,077</b>

Note - Total employees in post anytime during the year - has NOT been prorated for starters/leavers within year (NOT based on WTE)

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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