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Dear

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 18 January 2016, with regards to legal spend.

Request/**Response**

I am distributing a freedom of information request to hopefully receive the following information from you:

- How much did your organisation spend on legal fees in the financial year 2015?

For the period January to November 2015 (December costs not yet available) we spent £265,715 on legal fees and disbursements.

- Do you have a panel of preferred legal providers? If yes, what year was this panel appointed?

Our legal advisers were appointed on the 1st April 2013.

We wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review procedure is available to applicants who are unhappy with responses provided to FOI requests. You can formally request an internal review within a reasonable period of time (2 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you are not satisfied with the decision of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a further review of that decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure in the first instance.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

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