

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 1027

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14th December concerning Stonewall funding.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am not obliged to supply all the information you have requested.

You wrote:

1. In respect of each of the years 2015-2021, please confirm what funding has been provided to Stonewall by:
2. Please specify whether the funding in 1 above has been in the form of:
 - (a) direct grants for unlimited purposes;
 - (b) direct grants for limited purposes (in that event, stating the purpose);
 - (c) payment for goods or services (specifying the relevant goods and services).
3. Where the funding in 1 above has been by way of payment for goods or services, please specify:
 - (a) what analysis has been conducted to ascertain whether these goods or services meet contractual and/or legal requirements;
 - (b) what contractual or other recourse exists to reclaim in respect of goods or services that are defective, substandard or delivered in contravention of the law;
 - (c) what steps are being taken to seek recourse for any such contractual or legal shortfalls.
4. In respect of the payments referred to in 1 above, please state:
 - (a) What criteria were applied in deciding to make payments by way of direct grants;
 - (b) What tendering process was conducted with regard to provision of goods or services;
 - (c) What alternative suppliers of goods or services were considered.



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Our response:

The information that you are requesting is not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval. The notes and comments made during the discussion and consideration of Stonewall and other suppliers are not held locally within our systems. Thus, in order to answer 3 (b), 3 (c), 4 (a) and 4 (c), we would have to manually sift through the emails, notes, notebooks, contact retired officers just to ascertain what information is held. Under the circumstances I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it.

We have however provided you with as much information we could obtain before the time limit was reached;-

1.

Period	Supplier(T)	Text	Amount
2018 03	STONEWALL EQUALITY LTD	DIVERSITY CHAMPIONS MEMBERSHIP 19/05/17 - 18/05/18	2500
2019 04	STONEWALL EQUALITY LTD	DIVERSITY CHAMPIONS MEMBERSHIP 19/05/18- 18/05/19	2500
2020 03	STONEWALL EQUALITY LTD	Membership Fee	2500
2021 03	STONEWALL EQUALITY LTD	Membership of Stonewall - 19.05.20-18.05.20	2500

2c. Subscription to Stonewall for access to advice, guidance, resources

3a. Nil

4b. Nil

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption applicable to the information requested is:

Section 12: Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

- (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:
Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original FoI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk