



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-443, please find your question and our response below.

**Request:**

1. Number of FOI requests received in the last 12 months.
2. Number of FOI requests responded to in the last 12 months.
3. Number of FOI requests responded to on time in the last 12 months.
4. Number of FOI requests that were not answered in full (due to exemptions).
5. List of how often each exemption was applied.
6. Number of FTEs responsible for handling & responding to FOI requests.
7. Annual salary of the FTEs responsible for handling & responding to FOI requests.

**Response:**

From 01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023:

1.501 FOI/EIR Requests

2. 497 responded to

3. 481 responded to on time

4. 64 refused in full

5. Note: some FOI requests were refused under more than one exemption.

Section 12(4)(a) - 19

Section 12(4)(b) – 2

Section 12(5)(f) - 1

Section 21 - 15

Section 31(1)(a) - 25

Section 40(1) - 2

Section 40(2) - 1

Section 41 - 1

Section 42 – 1

6. One

7. There one Officer responsible for handling and responding to FOI requests. This responsibility is part of their wider role incorporating all aspects of data protection and information requests.

This question is refused under Section 40(1)(a) – Personal Information and Section 12(4)(a) – Information Not Held. As there is only one member of staff who is responsible for handling and responding to FOIs, to reveal their annual salary would be identifiable personal data. As FOI handling and responding is only part of their job role, we do not hold a separate figure for the FOI portion of their salary.

In respect of those requests that are answered in full, partially or the total refused, please take this as notice under FOIA, that we:

a) Consider the information as exempt from disclosure under the Act;

b) Claim exempt under sections of the Act:

**Section 40(1) – Personal Information (ABSOLUTE)**

c) State why the exemption applies:

***Any information to which a request for information relates is exempt information if it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is the data subject.***

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a) Consider the information as exempt from disclosure under the Act;

b) Claim exempt under sections of the Act:

**Section 12(4)(a) – Information Not Held**

c) State why the exemption applies:

***Regulation 12 (4) a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that (a) it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.***

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-443.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach [foi@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:foi@eastcambs.gov.uk) and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.