



Reference: FOI3703

**Request:**

This is a freedom of information request for Adopt North East.  
Please can you supply me with the following information:

1. How many active/inactive post adoption letterboxes do you have? (By active, I mean where correspondence from at least one party is made)

661 active  
915 inactive

2. Of the active post adoption letterboxes, how many receive only mail from (a) the birth family or (b) the adoptive family and (c) both?

To provide this information would require manually searching each of the records identified in Q1 to establish whether it was 'mail' or not and who the intended recipient was.

Therefore, this part of the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been considered. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.