



Reference: RFI 1710079

Request:

Please could you give me the statistics for the following:

A: How many members of staff have left the council (or it's partners) and returned as a Consultant? Including the following information: Previous Grade and Salary; Reason for leaving; Amount paid out for redundancy or other arrangement; Gap between employee leaving the service of the council and returning as a Consultant; Fee as Consultant

B: How many Consultants have, in the past 5 years (broken down into each individual year), taken on work that was previously the work of North Tyneside Council staff? For instances where this has happened, please include the Grade and Salary of the previous NTC staff member, as well as the fee paid to the consultant.

Clarification provided by applicant:

By 'Consultant', I mean External Consultants that have worked at the council for a fee, rather than those staff who are employees of the council, or agency staff.

This Wikipedia entry on Consultants, including the paragraph on External Consultants, may be of some use:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Consultant>

Response:

The council do not record this data centrally Each Project Lead would need to be approached to check individuals working on the project and whether they had declared any previous NTC service prior to commencement.

Once names identified each ex employee file would need to be retrieved from archive to check employment information as requested.

Therefore this 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 taken into account. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.

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