



Reference: RFI 1711031

Request:

I would ask that this communication is treated as a Freedom of Information request.

As a Public Contracting Authority, North Tyneside Council has a Regulation 113 (7) reporting obligation. Please therefore confirm the relevant details for the financial year 2016/17 by completing the table below:

Financial Year	%age invoices paid within 30 days	Interest (£'s) paid to suppliers	Interest (£'s), whether or not claimed, liable to be paid to suppliers	*Number of invoices not paid within 30 days
2016/17	98.95	*N/A	*N/A	1064

*Whilst disclosure of the Number of invoices not paid within 30 days is not required as part of the

**Regulation 113 (7) reporting requirement this information would be known and recorded when calculating the amount of interest liable to be paid if claimed.

Alternatively, if the statutory disclosure has already been made and the information is already published on the Council's website, please provide a link to the relevant webpage.

*Interest is not logged on BMS and therefore we are unable to report how much has been paid. Interest could be paid as part of an invoice which would require us going through every record to see if we have been charged interest (on the invoices over 30 days). 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 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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