

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_20200697**
Date FOI Received: **4/12/2020**
Department: **Corporate Communications**
Title: **Public Relations Expenditure**
Description: **Public Relations Expenditure**

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

1. The total amount spent by the local authority on external public relations support.
2. The names of all public relations agencies who received money from the local authority.
3. The total number of public relations staff directly employed by the local authority.
4. The total wage bill of the public relations staff directly employed by the local authority.

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

1. The total amount spent by the local authority on external public relations support.
Nil
2. The names of all public relations agencies who received money from the local authority. **Nil**
3. The total number of public relations staff directly employed by the local authority.
Nil
4. The total wage bill of the public relations staff directly employed by the local authority. **Nil**

Note – the council doesn't not employ public relations staff specifically but works through the council's corporate communications team

Please can you provide all information for the financial year 2019-20, and where possible for the year 2020-21.

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

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