



# Freedom of Information Request FOI1130

## Request:

Please could you provide me with the expenditures in each of the last five financial years on:

1. Your in-house legal team (if you have one). Please could this be given for each of the past five financial years?
2. Your external legal expenditure to include payments for external legal advisors or arms-length shared legal service team (if appropriate). Again, please could this be broken down for each of the past five financial years?
3. In relation to the external legal expenditure, please could you provide a breakdown for each of the past five years as to how much was spent per area of council business? For example: planning = £1,000, education = £2,000, HR= £1,000.

Submitted on 17/04/19.

## Response:

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1. Your in-house legal team (if you have one). Please could this be given for each of the past five financial years?  
These figures only include the cost of legal staff employed directly by North Tyneside Council and any other costs that are not related to external legal providers. Any income generated by the in house legal team has also been included to provide the net cost of the service. FY 2014-15 £721,056 FY 2015-16 £743,460 FY 2016-17 £594,747 FY 2017-18 £586,951 FY 2018-19 £576,210
2. Your external legal expenditure to include payments for external legal advisors or arms-length shared legal service team (if appropriate). Again, please could this be broken down for each of the past five financial years? FY2014-15 £1,127,848 FY2015-16 £772,075 FY2016-17 £925,710 FY2017-18 £504,876 FY2018-19 £453,205
3. In relation to the external legal expenditure, please could you provide a breakdown for each of the past five years as to how much was spent per area of council business? For example: planning = £1,000, education = £2,000, HR= £1,000. Please see attached breakdown by Service Area