



Reference: FOI1333

Request:

Could you please disclose how many times, since January 1 2012, you have used the services of someone in the capacity of:

A paranormal investigator

A psychic

A medium

A ghost hunter

A religious figure (priest, iman etc) to carry out an exorcism or similar 'banishing' of a spirit

For each occasion please disclose.

The date they were hired for

Their purpose, as recorded in full by the council (names, addresses etc can be redacted)

How much the council spent on hiring them

Response:

The information requested is not held centrally or recorded separately.

To provide this would require asking all staff and services to search seven years of records.

Therefore, 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.