

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/23/559

SME Suppliers

Information Requested:

I am trying to understand the number of SME suppliers the public sector purchases from so please can you send me a list of all suppliers you purchase goods or services from and the annual value you bought from them in your last financial year. Please note this information is not commercially sensitive as all you will be giving me is the total money spent with each supplier not any detail of what you bought.

Response Details:

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the Fees Regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The Fees Regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

However, as per our obligation to advise and assist under section 16 of the Act, the UHB can inform you that it has 26,903 suppliers.