



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 0515119
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Wash/Dry Toilets

Request:

1. How many automatic wash/dry toilets your authority provided via Disabled Facility Grants in 2014/15?

Six provided for private properties.

2. How many automatic wash/dry toilets your authority provided for your own housing stock in 2014/15?

Two provided for Council owned properties.

Please note that we have also undertaken larger projects where the above facilities are possibly installed but after careful consideration the Council regrets to inform you that it has decided not to disclose this information. Information on the larger projects has been withheld from disclosure and the exemption engaged is Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000(FOI).

Section 12 of the FOI exempts Public Authorities from providing information where the estimated cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit. Any estimate must be undertaken in accordance with the limits set in fees regulations made under Section 12 (5) of the FOI.

These Fees Regulations (SI 2004/3244 Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations) allow for a refusal where the cost of compliance, for local authorities such as the Council, would exceed £450. As a guide, staff time to identify and extract this information is charged at a rate of £25 per hour.

In summary we would have to trawl through the larger project files to find out if the above units were installed which would take one officer 37 hours.

If you can narrow down your request the Council will look into the matter again.

If you no longer manage your own housing stock will you please advise me of the details of the organisation your housing stock was transferred to.