

local records of staff participation in training courses will have been retained. There is no business need for such information to be archived. [REDACTED]

The cost of such an exercise to seek to gather this information would exceed the cost limit of £600 for Freedom of Information requests. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government it is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further

In response to 2 above, overall Departmental spending on Common Purpose provision over the past five financial years is in the table below. Note that the expenditure for financial year 2009/2010 is to the beginning of December 2009.

Financial Year	Expenditure
2004/05	£13,758
2005/06	£21,239
2006/07	£37,413
2007/08	£31,672
2008/2009	£19,738
2009/10 year to 1 December 09	£11,759
Total Expenditure	£135,579



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Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk or by writing to DWP, Central Fol Team, 2nd Floor The Adelphi, 1-11, John Adam Street, London WC2N 6HT. Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF www.ico.gov.uk

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Thank you for your letter of 24 November in which you include a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

In particular you ask:

- 1. How many DWP employees throughout Derbyshire have attended Common Purpose Graduate courses over the last 5 years and what courses where these?*
- 2. A full accounting of the cost of the individual courses and the overall cost at taxpayers expense.*

The information requested at 1 above is not held and a search for the information would incur a disproportionate cost.

The Department does not retain central records of which staff have attended training courses or events by individual training provider. Course costs are recorded against cost centres for business function areas and locations. To attempt to identify courses specific to staff in Derbyshire would require individual analysis of 6,900 closed and 4,500 current cost centres covering a period of 5 years. Furthermore as many cost centres relate to business functions rather than specific geographical locations a further search of documentary records would be required to identify staff whom may happen to have been based in Derbyshire at the time they undertook training.

Because of reorganisations across the Department during the five years many sites and business functions which may have commissioned Common Purpose training for their staff no longer exist and it is unlikely that the historic