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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: REQ06494**

Thank you for your request for information relating to suspended Council employees.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. A breakdown for each of the last five financial years (including the current one) which shows the number of staff suspended from duty, how long they had been suspended for, and the amount of money paid out to those workers during suspension. Please note I am asking for totals for each year, not individual cases.**

We hold the information which you have asked for but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

The detail of information requested above is not produced by the Council in a current report. Therefore, in order to fulfil your request, an officer will need to conduct a manual search of every employee record held. As we have estimated that there are at least 7,500 paper and electronic records to check, this will exceed 18 hours work.

Your request has therefore been refused under section 12(2) of the Act. However, in order to fulfil our obligations under Section 16 of the FOI Act to advise and assist you, we advise

that the Council has published responses similar requests which can be accessed via the Council website.

Please use the links below:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/26402/req03081>

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/20085/req00806>

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: [infogov@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:infogov@coventry.gov.uk)

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk).

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours sincerely

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