

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_159_22

You asked:

Thank you all for responding to my initial FOI request in February about fax machines used within Health Boards areas. As a separate but related inquiry, would it be possible to tell me how much was spent on supplies for and maintenance of fax machines during these years at all? For those health boards who have responded stating that they do not use fax machines currently, I will set the costs at zero.

Our response:

We can confirm that the Health do not centrally record the information requested.

One specific area does not place all of the orders for fax machine consumables; this is actioned across multiple departments and with multiple suppliers. Paper etc. is not ordered centrally, so it is not possible to identify what proportion of each order was used in the various devices such as FAX machine, printers, etc.

To provide you with the information requested would require a manual trawl through every single order from every department, with each of the potential suppliers, to manually identify and categorise any consumables ordered that are in scope. We estimate to provide you with this information, would significantly exceed the 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act