

FOI 149/2015

REQUEST

1. How many times since 2010 (2010/11 financial year if appropriate) has the council undertaken surveillance under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA), with an annual break-down?
2. For each case (or each year if appropriate) in (1) please provide a break-down of the purpose for which surveillance was used
3. How much has the activities in (1) cost the authority?
4. How much money has the council spent on private investigators NOT investigating under RIPA since 2010 (2010/11 financial year if appropriate), with an annual break-down?
5. As per (3) how many occasions has this been, and for what purpose?
6. How many people have been targeted by the council under either RIPA or by council-commissioned private investigators since 2010 (2010/11 financial year if appropriate) with an annual break-down?
(I am happy for this to be taken from questions 1 and 4, and appreciate there may be some doubling up/multiple cases against the same person)?

RESPONSE

1. How many times since 2010 (2010/11 financial year if appropriate) has the council undertaken surveillance under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA), with an annual break-down?
2. For each case (or each year if appropriate) in (1) please provide a break-down of the purpose for which surveillance was used
There have been 5 cases of surveillance since 2011/12 (I do not have information for 2010/11) which are as follows:

Year	Type of Investigation	Description
2011/12	Directed Surveillance	Benefit Fraud Investigation
	Directed Surveillance	Internal Audit Investigation
	Directed Surveillance	Environmental Services Investigation (fly tipping)
2012/13	Directed Surveillance	Benefit Fraud Investigation
	Directed Surveillance	Benefit Fraud Investigation
2013/14	None	
2014/15	None	

3. How much has the activities in (1) cost the authority? – **No figures are recorded on individual cases, Council Officers deal with this work and therefore it falls within their salary.**
4. How much money has the council spent on private investigators NOT investigating under RIPA since 2010 (2010/11 financial year if appropriate), with an annual break-down? – **The Council do not use private investigators**
5. As per (3) how many occasions has this been, and for what purpose? – **As (4) above**
6. How many people have been targeted by the council under either RIPA or by council-commissioned private investigators since 2010 (2010/11 financial year if appropriate) with an annual break-down?
(I am happy for this to be taken from questions 1 and 4, and appreciate there may be some doubling up/multiple cases against the same person)? – **As per question 1 above.**