

## FOI 76/2016

### REQUEST

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, which concerns the use of external organisations to conduct surveillance, such as private investigators.

From the financial year 2011/12 to the current financial year, **for each occasion** that an external organisation was commissioned to undertake surveillance, please provide the following information:

- The name of the external organisation and a description as to why they were commissioned to undertake surveillance.
- The amount paid to the external organisation commissioned to undertake surveillance. Please indicate the financial year as to when this amount was paid.
- Please indicate whether the organisation was commissioned to undertake surveillance under the provisions of the Regulatory Investigative Powers Act (RIPA).

### RESPONSE

Further to your FOI request in respect of the use of external organisations to conduct surveillance, I can confirm that this Authority does not use private investigators or companies to undertake any surveillance so therefore there is no information to disclose.