

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Decision notice

Date: 17 October 2024

Public Authority: Council of Goldsmiths, University of London

Address: New Cross
London
SE14 6NW

Request:

The complainant submitted a request to Goldsmiths College (University of London) on 2 June 2024 seeking information about Goldsmiths' relationships with consultants.

"Please could you supply me with the following information pertaining to the work Goldsmiths is doing with Six Ravens Consulting:

Copies of all contracts between Goldsmiths and Six Ravens Consulting, making sure to include the start date, the end date, and any information about renewals and extensions.

A list of previous and future payments from Goldsmiths to Six Ravens Consulting, including date, reference, and total amount Please note that this is the third and final of three information requests I will make regarding Goldsmiths' relationships with consultants. I am sending."

Commissioner's Decision:

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. On 5 July and 16 September 2024, the complainant wrote to the public authority, reminding it of its responsibilities and asking it to provide a response to their request. The public authority has failed to respond other than an acknowledgment of the initial request.

The commissioner wrote to the public authority on 30 September 2024 to remind it of its obligations, the public authority has failed to respond despite a chaser being sent on 15 October 2024. Based on the evidence available to

the Commissioner, by the date of this notice the public authority has not issued a substantive response to this request. Therefore, the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

Steps:

The public authority must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.

The public authority must take this step within 30 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

Right of Appeal:

Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)
GRC & GRP Tribunals,
PO Box 9300,
LEICESTER,
LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963

Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: grc@justice.gov.uk

Website: www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber

Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

**Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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