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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Request: 012021**

Your email, dated 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021, asked for the following information:

1.0 Your FOI response 352019, dated 18 February 2020, stated that the Peterborough office was under a 9-year lease with options at 3 and 6 years, and that the lease came into force on 1 August 2019. This means that CITB could end the lease at the end of July 2022.

This is not a request for information held by a public authority.

1.1 Has the CITB Board or Executive Management Team discussed moving from Peterborough back to Bircham Newton on or before 31 July 2022 to save costs to levy payers? If yes please provide the minutes of any meetings and copies of any emails.

We do not hold information responsive to this question.

1.2 What is the monthly cost of rent/lease and services for the Peterborough office?

£50,500 exclusive of vat per month.

1.3 When the lease was signed for Peterborough, cost savings were proposed by reducing the size of the London office, moving staff to Peterborough. Has this happened?

Yes

1.4 What is the current monthly cost of lease/rent and services for the London office?

£0

1.5 How much has been spent on travel for work journeys to and between London and Peterborough by CITB staff since 1 August 2019?



£27,400

2.0 The move to Peterborough caused disruption to CITB staff with 88 taking redundancy rather than moving to the new office.

This is not a request for information held by a public authority.

2.1 What was the final cost of redundancies linked to the office relocation?

£3,9 million for 143 redundancies

2.2 Of the 88 employees made redundant, how many have returned in new posts or via agencies or other routes as temporary staff?

0

2.3 How many of the 85 vacancies at Peterborough (as of Feb 2020) have been filled?

CITB have employed 78 people, including 18 contractors, since February 2020.

2.4 As of February 2020, £650,000+VAT of levy payers' money had been spent on IT and fit out at Peterborough, how much has been spent since?

£0

3.0 The decisions to withdraw from training provision, to become an IT based intermediary, and to relocate from Bircham Newton were taken by the outgoing CEO. CITB now retaining Bircham Newton and returning to delivering training represent a major shift in CITB policy.

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3.1 Who made the decision that CITB must u turn, the board of trustees, the government or the CEO?

The Board of Trustees made a decision to retain the training provision at the National Construction Colleges.

3.2 How many learners were on roll attending CITB delivered training when the current CEO took office in January 2017?

January 2017: 2,971 learners

3.3 How many learners were on roll attending CITB delivered training in January 2018, January 2019, January 2020, and January 2021?

January 2018: 2,754

January 2019: 2,697



January 2020: 2,152  
January 2021: 1,007

3.4 What was the staff headcount in January 2017 and what was it in January 2021?

2017 – 1,326  
2021 – 740

3.5 How many members of CITB staff, whose roles were attached to CITB delivering training (instructors, welfare staff, plant managers, careers advisors etc), have been made redundant, retired or resigned between January 2017 and January 2021?

In relation to each of requests 3.5 – 3.9, information relating to the years 2017 and 2018 is not readily available, as a result of changes to CITB's HR & Finance systems in 2019. CITB estimates that the cost of complying with each of these requests in relation to information from 2017 and 2018 would exceed the appropriate limit for the purposes of section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as a result of the amount of time it would take to locate and collate the data from relevant legacy systems. CITB does not consider that it would be able to retrieve information relating to either of the years 2017 or 2018 for any of these requests within the appropriate limit.

We have set out in each of the responses information for the period from June 2019.

- 2019 – 18
- 2020 - 14

3.6 What has been the total cost of redundancy payments made by CITB between January 2017 and January 2021?

£4.05 million for 153 redundancies since June 2019

3.7 How much has been spent with Capita and other business advisors since January 2017?

£3,2 million since June 2019.

3.8 How much has been spent with Fujitsu and other software companies since January 2017?

£3,8 million since June 2019.

3.9 how much has been spent on legal advice and litigation since January 2017?

£230,706 since June 2019

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If you remain unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioners website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely

For and on behalf of  
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