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Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information requests received on 19<sup>th</sup> August and 11<sup>th</sup> September.

In your request you asked for the following information

1. *What inspections activities does the HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate perform?*
2. *How many inspections (of each type if possible) were performed in 2019/20?*
3. *How many inspectors do you employ, and what was the annual cost of these inspectors in 2019/20?*
4. *Do you use third parties to perform these inspections? If so, who did you use, and what was the annual spend in 2019/20?*
5. *What information management system, if any, do you use to manage the inspections, and what was the annual spend on this in 2019/20*

*For avoidance of doubt, by 'inspections' I mean 'activities that are carried out to ensure the inspected entity meets legislative requirements for their role or function or condition, delivers on their duty of care for individuals or the public and/or adheres to any rules set by government on use of government funds'.*

In regard to questions 1 and 2, I can confirm we hold information that is in scope. We are withholding this information under section 21 of the FOIA. Section 21 applies when material requested is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

In relation to questions 1 and 2 the information can be found on the HMCPsi website

<https://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmcpai/>

Question 3. *How many inspectors do you employ, and what was the annual cost of these inspectors in 2019/20?*

We do hold the information in scope for this request. HMCPSI employed 23 inspectors and the annual cost of these inspectors in 2019/20 was £1,313,643.00

*Question 4. Do you use third parties to perform these inspections? If so, who did you use, and what was the annual spend in 2019/20?*

We do hold the information in scope for this request. We used 5 associate inspectors at a cost of £75,116.90 for 2019/20. We are withholding the 5 associate inspectors' names under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 40(2) applies to personal data when disclosure would breach any of the Data Protection Principles. We consider that disclosure of names or any personal data that could identify individuals would be against the individuals' legitimate expectations of how their information would be processed by the authority and therefore likely to breach the first principle.

By way of background information associate inspectors are former Civil Servants engaged on an Ad Hoc basis to enable HMCPSI to be more flexible with our resources.

*Question 5. What information management system, if any, do you use to manage the inspections, and what was the annual spend on this in 2019/20.*

I can confirm that we hold information within the scope of your request. There were three information management systems used by HMCPSI in 2019/20, these were:

AID – Area Inspection Database  
KIM- Knowledge Information Management  
Microsoft teams

In relation to the cost; we do not hold this information.

By way of background, we are a very small organisation of circa 30 people. We therefore take ICT and other services from a larger organisation.

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of our response to your request, please send full details within two calendar months of the date of this email and send to the below email address:

[info@HMCPSI.gov.uk](mailto:info@HMCPSI.gov.uk)

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