



Freedom of Information Request FOI 26 103

Outsources, subcontracts, or uses any third-party provider for fleet management / maintenance

Query:

Please treat this as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (for English fleets) and Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (for Scottish fleets).

As at the date this request is received, please provide the most recent information held by the MHCLG or the local fire and rescue service/authority, for each territorial fire and rescue service in England and Wales or Scotland, whether it currently outsources, subcontracts, or uses any third-party provider for any aspect of:

- fleet management
- fleet maintenance

For each force where such an arrangement exists, please provide:

1. *The name of the Fire service.*
2. *Whether the outsourced arrangement relates to:*
 - a) *fleet management*
 - b) *fleet maintenance*
 - c) *a combined or wider managed fleet service*
3. *The name of the current outsourced supplier or provider.*
4. *The contract start date.*
5. *The contract end date.*
6. *Details of how the contract was let – e.g. through a procurement framework or open tender*
7. *Any extension year option(s), if recorded.*
8. *The estimated spend or contract value held in relation to the arrangement, including whether this figure is:*
 - a) *estimated total contract value*
 - b) *awarded contract value*
 - c) *annual contract value*
 - d) *annual spend*
 - e) *most recent spend figure held*
9. *Where more than one relevant contract or supplier applies to a specific service/fleet, please provide the above information for each relevant arrangement separately.*



Response:

Section 12(1) of the Act allows a public authority to refuse a request where the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. For DWFRS, the limit is set at £450, which equates to 18 hours of work at £25 per hour.

We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed this limit. This is because to provide the requested data it would require manual searches across suppliers and a large volume of records would need to be reviewed.

We estimate that we have over 61 suppliers in our system and to calculate the spend would require a manual search for each month of the year for each supplier. This would result in at least 732 searches needing to be carried out. It would take a member of staff an average of 2 mins to review each search. This means it would take us over 24hrs.

Under Section 16 of the Act, we have a duty to provide advice and assistance. You may wish to consider refining your request to bring it within the cost limit. For example:

- we can provide an overall spend on maintenance parts.

It is worth noting we do not have any contracts for fleet management as this is all managed in house by our staff using a third party system.

We do not hold any contracts for fleet maintenance as this is mostly carried out inhouse. We do outsource four elements of fleet maintenance:

- MOT Testing for vehicles under 3500 Tons
- Tyre fitting
- Damage because of accidents - This is governed by or insurers who only allow us to use repair centres authorised by them
- Complex electrical installations, diagnostics, and repair – NICEIC approved mains electrical safety testing in line with 18th edition of the electrical installation regulations

We do not hold any contracts for these services as we source the best company depending on the requirements of the job, the timescales we need it completed in and the availability of the company.

If you would like to submit a revised request, we would be happy to consider it.

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 11th, May 2026