

Fees for Freedom of Information Requests

Central Government announced in Mid December (2005) the fees which can be charged for a request under the Freedom of Information Act. All fees except for disbursement charges have been set by The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (appropriate limit and fees) Regulations 2004.

We cannot charge for any request which costs us less than £450. If your request costs more than £450 then we will endeavour to re clarify your question so it can be answered under the £450 threshold. If above £450, the request may carry a charge and this will be at the ALMO'S discretion.

Ashfield Homes Limited Charging Scheme

Staff time

In terms of answering the requests, the time which is chargeable is to find, sort, edit or redact (blank out) information. It does not cover the time taken to consider whether an exemption applies and to apply the Public Interest Test.

For each hour which is spent answering a request there will be a charge of £25 as set by Central Government (this is the standard rate for Officer time). If a request takes more than 18 hours then the request cannot be completed. Under 18 hours, the request will be free of charge.