

Information Requests

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Date: 13 February 2017

Mr Lee Jefferson
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Dear Mr Jefferson

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information. We have processed your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your Request:

Please kindly provide a list of the public service buildings (such as Libraries and Day Care Centres) your Council has had to close since 2010. Please provide the name of the buildings and the postcodes of the buildings.

I'm keen to find out how many council-run buildings (such as Libraries and Day Care Centres) have been closed where people would have to seek another Library or Day Care Centre (ie to seek the same type of service from a different location which already exists). The reason why I require this information is to get a picture of the effect of any Government cuts to council budgets which in turn is forcing councils to find ways to make savings.

This is an example of the type of information I'm looking for but I require the postcode besides the name of the building <http://freepdfhosting.com/4f28e56539.pdf>

Our Response

I can confirm that some of the information you have requested is held by Somerset County Council, however I am unable to provide it all to you.

In relation to Libraries, I can confirm no buildings have closed.

In relation to LD services and day centres the Enterprise Resource Centre in Bridgwater (ERCB) TA6 3EU has closed, and has been replaced by services at the Bridgwater YMCA and Rollercoaster.

We don't hold this information centrally within our Property Service area, and in order to determine what information is held, specifically whether a service has moved premises, as this is down to each area to manage, I would be required to contact each team and to do so would exceed the appropriate limit. We are therefore applying section 12 of the FOIA.

Property Services does not record whether a service pulls out of a building or when it transfers a building to another service. They only record information on land and property when it is sold or the lease is terminated.

I can however direct you to some information relating to libraries, which is available online. We are applying exemption [section 21](#) under the Freedom of Information Act as this information is already available online and can be found on our Disclosure Log at www.somerset.gov.uk/disclosurelog.

To access this information on our Disclosure Log:

- Select 'Responses after 1 September 2015'
- Then change the 'From' field to '01/09/2015' using the pop-up calendar.
- Enter the phrase 'Library' into the 'keywords' field
- Select the 'Search' button
- On the results page, you will be looking for the document called "Library Addresses for 2010" and "Response (all information to be supplied)", which is part way down the page under the request heading of "Library Closures 589165".

There is also another similar request and the document is called "Library Addresses for 2010" and "Response (all information to be supplied)", which is part way down the page under the request heading of "Library closures 728765".

Please quote the reference number 1648965 in any future communications.

If you feel your request has not been answered in sufficient detail, or if you wish to clarify the information given, please contact me, and I will be happy to address the issues you raise.

Alternatively, if you are not satisfied with our response you may request an internal review. This is an independent investigation into the handling of your request, which is carried out by the Information Governance Team. The conclusions of this investigation, and if applicable, a fresh decision about the information to be provided, should be sent to you within twenty working days of receipt of the internal review request.

To request an Internal Review please respond to the email that this response was attached to detailing why you are not satisfied, and your request will be dealt with by the information governance team.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may then appeal directly to the Information Commissioner's Office with your complaint. The Information commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Web address: www.ico.gov.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Lucy Wilkins
Information Request Team Leader