

SOUTH YORKSHIRE PENSIONS AUTHORITY

3 December 2015

Report of the Clerk

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: ANNUAL REPORT

1. Purpose of the Report

This report provides Members with an update of Freedom of Information requests.

2. Recommendations

Members are recommended to note the report.

3. Background Information

This is the tenth annual report of requests received under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

4. Requests received

4.1 Summary of requests

	<i>Investments</i>	<i>Administration</i>	<i>Total</i>
Oct 14-Oct 15	26	1	27
Oct 13-Sep 14	12	1	14
Nov 12-Sep13	18	2	20
Sep11- Oct 12	13	2	15
Oct10-Sep 11	6	6	12
Oct 09-Sep 10	11	6	17
Oct 08 – Sep09	14	2	16
Oct 07 – Sep 08	10	5	15
Aug 06 – Oct 07	12	2	14
Jan 05 – July 06	13	4	17

4.2 All the Investment requests in the past year related to either limited partnership holdings (private equity or absolute return) or to issues surrounding them. The single request relating to the Administration Division asked for information about scheme members whose pension exceeds £26,000 per year and the total value of those pensions.

- 4.3 The Authority has responded to all requests within the 20 day limit required by the Act.
- 4.4 All the information applicants have asked for has been provided where it is held.
- 4.5 The Authority has made no charges, either for retrieving information, or for photocopying and postage.
- 4.6 The Authority has received no complaints or requests for internal reviews in relation to any disclosure.
- 4.7 The Authority has spent at least 56 hours of officer time in completing these requests.
- 4.8 All the applicants have been from data collecting commercial organisations; except for one which was from another type of commercial organisation; two which were from the media and four from private individuals. Three of the requests were from UK based individuals and eight from the USA and Canada.

5. Publication Scheme

The Authority has adopted the model publication scheme prescribed by the Information Commissioner, which sets out the routine publication of information, which is not exempt under the Act.

6. Re-use of public sector information

New regulations came into force in July entitled "The Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015". These require public sector bodies to:

Allow re use of public sector information by anyone;
Remove copyright restrictions preventing re use of such information;
Allows anyone the right to aggregate, add value or repackage the information, and make money out of it.

The impact on the authority is not considered to be any greater than the current use of private equity data by commercial organisations.

7. Implications

- 7.1 There are no significant costs arising out of this report.
- 7.2 There are no legal implications other than those referred to in the report.
- 7.3 There are no diversity implications of this report.

7.4 There are risks of a failure to meet the 20 day deadline required by the Act, due to the pressure of work. However, this risk is judged to be minor.

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Background papers used in the preparation of this report are available for inspection at the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, Barnsley.