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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 211116.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

This is an FOI made in accordance with the FOIA 2000

Please provide me with the following information

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask you justify any redactions or blanket refusals by reference to specific exemptions of the act.

- 1. Costs for counselling service [both internal and external] used by SECamb for the period April 2017/18 - to 2020/21, in MS Excel**

Year	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	Grand total
Total	40,598	55,750	76,886	118,918	82,750	374,901

- 2. The number of staff [Full time & Part Time] who accessed counselling services in 2017/18 - 2020/21, in MS Excel**

Number of colleagues referred to external psychological providers (excluding community services)

Year	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
Total	Not Recorded	117	142	454	161

- 3. The names of any companies who SECamb may have outsourced any counselling services to, to include how much they paid each company for 2017/18 and 2020/21**

We decline to answer on the basis: Under Section 43(2) of The FOI Act, Commercial interests exempts information whose disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any legal person (an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Coordinator
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