



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

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Freedom of Information Request – CA38

Thank you for your email of 24 November.

I must clarify a statement in our initial response to you. East Cambridgeshire did initially procure Trowers and Hamlins on behalf of the Combined Authority, in the absence of the Legal Counsel and Monitoring Officer of the Combined Authority who was on leave. Trowers and Hamlins were at all times commissioned by the Combined Authority.

In response to your clarification, the procurement was a direct award on a single supplier basis given the urgency of the situation. Trowers and Hamlins are experts in the field of employment law and, as there had been prior dealings, the Authority was satisfied that their charges were comparable to the market rates. The Authority did not publish an announcement of the award, but all spend over £500 is published on the Authority's website.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

I hope this information is helpful but if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review, you should write to us via our contact us email address – contactus@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk or write a letter to Complaints, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, Incubator 2, Alconbury Weald Enterprise Campus, Huntingdon, PE28 4WX within 40 days of the date of this e-mail.

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Generally, the ICO will not undertake a review or make a decision on a request until the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely



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