



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
& PETERBOROUGH**  
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority  
Pathfinder House  
St Marys Street, Huntingdon  
PE29 3TN

6 May 2025

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Dear [REDACTED]

### **CA412 Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 3 April 2025. The response is given below.

#### **Request**

(For research purposes) relating to funding received for Education and Skills.

Please provide a breakdown of the allocation of funds received by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority from the Department for Education or similar bodies, along with the results of such spending, for the academic years 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25.

#### **1. Lead Provider Details**

- Organisation Name (Lead Provider)
- Organisation Address (Lead Provider)
- UKPRN (Lead Provider)
- Head Contact Name
- Primary Contact Name

#### **2. Funding Breakdown Per Organisation**

- Funding Contract Allocated (£) (for each organisation per funding type)
- Contract Type (e.g., Grant, Procured, Other)
- Funding Type (e.g., AEB Core, AEB Test & Learn, FCFJ, ASF, Skills Bootcamps, Advanced Learner Loan, Adult Apprenticeships)
- Actual Funding Allocation Spend (£) (for each organisation per funding type)
- Funding Growth / Increase Awarded? (Yes/No) (for each organisation per funding type)
- Funding Retained vs. Subcontracted (if applicable) (e.g. % of funding retained vs % allocated to subcontractors)
- Was any funding clawed back due to non-delivery or underperformance? (Yes/No)
- If Yes, please provide the amount clawed back per organisation (£)
- Have there been any penalties or funding adjustments for underperformance, breach of contract or non-compliance? (Yes/No, details if available)

### 3. Performance & Delivery Data

(For each organisation per funding type)

- Overall Planned Starts
- Overall Actual Starts
- Overall Planned Completions
- Overall Actual Completions
- Completion Rate (%) (Actual Completions ÷ Planned Completions)
- Overall Planned Job Outcomes (if applicable)
- Overall Actual Job Outcomes (if applicable)

### 4. Additional Notes & Clarifications

- I understand that the 2024/25 academic year is still in progress, so data such as actual spend, actual completions, and job outcomes may not be fully available at this time. Please provide any available data or estimates based on your most recent review period.
- I am aware that within your Payment & Performance Management Framework, there are set review points where growth requests may have been permitted or already awarded. Please include details of any funding increases allocated during these review periods.
- If possible, please structure the data in a downloadable spreadsheet (Excel or CSV format) with separate columns for each funding type and academic year.

## Response

After careful consideration of your request, we wish to inform you that we are unable to comply with it under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This section applies when the cost of complying with the request exceeds the “appropriate limit,” as defined by the FOI Act and associated regulations. The appropriate limit is currently set at £450 for public authorities (18 hours). This includes time spent locating, retrieving, and extracting the requested information.

I have attached a link to the relevant section on the ICO website. This provides further details about Section 12. [Requests where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit \(section 12\) | ICO](#)

Based on our assessment, fulfilling your request would exceed this limit, as it involves searching through an extensive volume of records:

- 3 academic years
- 5 different funding streams
- records for each provider

### Breakdown of Work Required:

To obtain the requested information, the following steps would be necessary:

- Liaising with the team for each funding stream
- Liaising with finance for each of the providers to gather funding information
- Locating, retrieving, and extracting the relevant information across teams (the information would require a manual file search as information is not stored in a system)
- Compiling all gathered data

Estimated time needed for each part of your request:

1. Lead Provider Details – 4 hours
2. Funding Breakdown Per Organisation – 7 hours
3. Performance & Delivery Data – 7 hours
4. Additional Notes Clarifications – 5 hours

To carry out the work required would take an estimated 23 hours. The total time required would therefore exceed the reasonable limit of 18 hours. As a result, your request has been refused under Section 12 of the Act.

We would be happy to assist you in refining your request to bring it within the cost limit. For example, you could narrow the scope of the request by specifying particular documents or prioritise one funding stream (Skills Bootcamp). Please let us know how you would like to proceed.

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: [democratic.services@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk) or write a letter to Complaints, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambs PE29 3TN within 40 days of the date of this e-mail.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, or via their website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

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

A black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Susan Hall.

Susan Hall  
**Data Protection Officer**