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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 11 July 2016. You made the following requests for information:

1. [Does your organisation currently have a contract for Security alarms, CCTV & Fire detection?](#)

Cafcass has a national contract for fire safety services and security services.

Individual offices may also have their own security arrangements as part of rental arrangements within shared buildings; as this information is not centrally held, it is not possible to collate this information for over 40 offices in response to a Freedom of Information request without exceeding the appropriate cost of compliance. A full response is therefore exempt under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, which is set out in full below.

2. [When this contract\(s\) is due to end?](#)

- National fire safety services: 31/03/2018
- National security services: 30/04/2019

3. [Who are these contract\(s\) with?](#)

- National fire safety services: Walker Fire (UK) Ltd
- National security services: SPIE Scotshield

4. [How many devices are supplied and what manufacturer are they?](#)

This information is not currently held; the security alarm systems are being audited by SPIE Scotshield in order to obtain this information.

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Anthony Douglas CBE Chief Executive





5. Were these items purchased using procurement framework, if so which framework was used?

- National fire safety services: NEPO Framework SWCE-8XMBCBE
- National security services: EPSO Framework 628

6. When does your organisation intend to tender for these services?

A tender for services will be put out prior to the end date of the contracts as set out above. All tender opportunities are published on our website page [Public Tenders](#). If you wish to be notified of future tenders please register at our [online portal](#).

A full response to your first request is considered exempt under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Cafcass does not collect this information centrally. In order to provide a response, each office would need to be checked individually; as Cafcass has over 40 offices, the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit which for Cafcass is £450. In our estimation the cost (a flat rate of £25 per hour provided by the FOI Act) would exceed the appropriate limit which is 18 hours for Cafcass, in order to complete one or more of the following activities permitted to be accounted for, which are:

- Determining whether the information is held;
- Locating the information, or a document containing it;
- Retrieving the information, or a document containing it; and
- Extracting the information from a document containing it.

[12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.](#)

1. *Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.*
2. *Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.*
3. *In subsections (1) and (2) “the appropriate limit” means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.*
4. *The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—
(a) by one person, or
(b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign,
the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them.*





5. *The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the purposes of this section as to the costs to be estimated and as to the manner in which they are to be estimated.*

We hope that you feel your question has been answered effectively. If you are unhappy with the decisions made in relation to your request, you may ask for an internal review to be undertaken. If you are dissatisfied with the way the internal review is handled or with the final decision made at that review about the information released, you are free to contact the Information Commissioner's Office (<https://ico.org.uk/>):

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