

REQUEST	14142 - Training under RIPA / RIPA	RESPONSE
	<p>Good afternoon, please can I make the following request under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When did any council employees last receive any training under RIPA or RIPA? 2. What training was undertaken? 3. Who delivered this training, i.e., if this was an external organisation the name of the organisation and the fee paid? 4. Name and email address of any people in the organisation performing the following roles: - • Senior Responsible Officer • Authorising Officer • RIPA monitoring officer 5. When was your last inspection by IPCO and when is the next one scheduled if known? 6. Do you have a RIPA/RIPA(S)A policy, if yes where can this be found? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 22nd July 2022 2. Full training on RIPA, social media and non – RIPA monitoring 3. Training was provided by an external provider, Act Now and the Council’s RIPA monitoring Officer. The fees paid are not disclosable pursuant to S43 of FOIA 2000 on the basis it relates to the commercial interests of the provider. As S43 is what is known as a qualified exemption consideration has been given to the public interest test. The Council recognise that it should be transparent and open but has balanced this against the commercial interests of the provider. If the fee details were to be disclosed, it would be classed as being to the world at large. This would mean competitors would know the fees and charging arrangements of a private business which might be detrimental to the business. It is recognised that the public have an interest in knowing how public funds are spent but this is outweighed by a company’s right to protect their commercial interests. 4. The senior Responsible Officer is Paul Mckevitt – Deputy Chief Executive (p.mckevitt@wigan.gov.uk) The RIPA monitoring Officer is Janet Davies (janet.davies@wigan.gov.uk) Details of the Authorising Officers are not provided as they are below the level of Assistant Director and in accordance with ICO guidance and case law are not disclosable. The last inspection was on 13th May 2022 5. The Council’s RIPA Policy is on the Council’s Intranet site