

Please see the following two FOI requests. We look forward to hearing more back in due course:

<p>1) Please can you disclose all information you hold on the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, otherwise commonly known as the PFLP.</p>	<p>As per Section 12 of the FOI Act, we are not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit, which Local Authorities would need to demonstrate as being £450 or more, as specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.</p> <p>The £450 limit is based on work being carried out at a rate of £25 per hour, which equates to 18 hours of work per request. Examples of these costs include locating, retrieving, and extracting information from thousands of cases across every service within the Council would far exceed these limits. We are therefore unable to comply with the request as per Section 24 of the FOI Act.</p>
<p>2) Please can you disclose the number of Prevent referrals made by or to your organisation regarding the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, otherwise commonly known as the PFLP since 1st January 2012?</p>	<p>The number of referrals made by or to an area or sector of society is an indicator of the general threat level in that area. Disclosing the level of referrals about the PFLP made by the council or shared with the council would provide information of the extent of the pool of individuals who were susceptible to being drawn into terrorism via the ideology that the PFLP espouses.</p> <p>More broadly, individuals could use multiple FOIs to create a 'threat map' of the UK. This map could be used to better focus radicalisation efforts nationally.</p> <p>Multiple FOIs could therefore be sent into areas across the country asking about the number of referrals made regarding a range of different groups. This would provide a detailed threat map of the prevalence of susceptibility to radicalisation by affiliation to a certain group broken down by area.</p> <p>There is a serious terrorist threat to the United Kingdom. Disclosing this information would risk national security.</p>