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Subject: Request for a list of private companies with a registered office address in Cheshire and Warrington with a turnover of less than 50 million euros and less than 250 employees

Date Released: 25 September 2018

Summary of request: The applicant requested A list of private companies with a registered office address in Cheshire and Warrington with a turnover of less than 50 million euros and less than 250 employees

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You have requested a list of all active private companies with the following characteristics:

1. Registered office address that is within the Cheshire and Warrington local authority post codes and

2. Their last filed accounts that classify the company as small to medium sized enterprises, a turnover of less than 50 million euros and that have less than 250 employees.

CH publishes a register of company information and makes it available to the public. This can be accessed by either purchasing the DVD Rom or accessing the CH free company data product. Details of both products can be found in 'Our Services' on our website at: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house</u>

The CH free company data product provides a snapshot from the public register in CSV format and can be accessed via the following link: http://download.companieshouse.gov.uk/en_output.html

From the free company data, a separate find and select search can be undertaken to identify those companies with their registered office address in Cheshire and/or Warrington. Once these companies are identified, the account category in column T will provide details of the account type.

With regard to your request for turnover and number of employees, this information is not collated, however the rough size of a business may be contained in a company's annual accounts.

I must refuse your request for this information as under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as any information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant, albeit on payment of a fee, is exempt information under the Act.