

**FOI Release**  
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**Title:** Channels for patent payments

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**Information request:**

1. What channels are provided for patent payments?  
i.e. Cash (Post Office, Cash Office, Post), Debit/Credit Card (Online, Telephone), Direct Debit etc.
2. Volume of patent payments in the last 12 months via the channels answered in Question 1.
3. Further to question 1, please provide the supplier for each channel.  
i.e. Debit/Credit Card – Merchant Acquirer and Payment Processor, Direct Debit software provider etc.

**Information released:**

1. Currently we offer payment via Deposit Account (a prepaid account), debit/credit card, bank transfer and cheque.
2. Deposit account – we don't retain information on the number of payments made via deposit account but in the region of 400 per day, debit/credit card - 104,143 for April 2018 to March 2019, bank transfer – approx. 40 per day, cheque approx. 15 per day.
3. Barclaycard provide our merchant acquirer services.