



Homes England

Date: 21 June 2024

Our Ref: RFI4774

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Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

By Email Only

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Request for Information – RFI4774

Thank you for your request for information which was processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You requested the following information:

I am writing to request information regarding the expenditure on and usage of Microsoft Project licenses (all versions) within your organisation and departments.

Please provide all available data to support the following questions:

- 1. Which project management platforms/tools does your organisation use?**
- 2. How many licences for each of the following project management tools does your organisation use and a breakdown showing the business areas in which they are active:**
 - i. Microsoft Project (MSP)**
 - ii. DevOps**
 - iii. Jira**
- 3. What was the cost of these licences in the last financial year 2023/2024 and what is the forecast spend on licences in 2024/2025?**
- 4. Which department is responsible for the management and procurement of the MSP licences and associated project management platforms and tools?**





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Response

We can confirm that we do hold some of the requested information. We will answer your questions in turn below:

1. Which project management platforms/tools does your organisation use?

We can confirm we use Microsoft Project, DevOps, Miro, and Trello.

2. How many licences for each of the following project management tools does your organisation use and a breakdown showing the business areas in which they are active:

i. Microsoft Project (MSP)

ii. DevOps

iii. Jira

2. What was the cost of these licences in the last financial year 2023/2024 and what is the forecast spend on licences in 2024/2025?

We can confirm the following details:

Project Management tool	Number of licenses	Spend 23/24
Microsoft Project (MSP)	251 licenses	£49k per year
DevOps	195 basic licences	£11k per year
	12 test plan licenses	£6k per year
	459 stakeholder licences	free
Jira	n/a	n/a

We anticipate next year’s spend will be similar to the current year’s spend. Please be advised we do not use Jira and we do not track our licenses via business area.

3. Which department is responsible for the management and procurement of the MSP licences and associated project management platforms and tools?

We can confirm our Office of the Chief Digital and Data Officer (OCDDO) is responsible for the management and procurement of the MSP licenses and associated project management platforms and tools.





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Right to Appeal

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled, you may request an internal review. You can request an internal review by writing to Homes England via the details below, quoting the reference number at the top of this letter.

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

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Your request for review must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response. Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

Upon receipt, your request for review will be passed to an independent party not involved in your original request. We aim to issue a response within 20 working days.

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link:

<https://ico.org.uk/>

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

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