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Dear 

Freedom of Information Request - FOI 25_229

Thank you for your email of 09 September 2025 which contained your request for information. The Government Legal Department ("GLD") have processed your request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act", "FOIA").

Request

- 1.) Full disclosure of the composition of the full litigation team, internal and external,**
- 2.) Hourly/daily rates applied, and an itemised breakdown of expenditure to date**

Response

Section 14(1) of the Act makes clear that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if the request is vexatious.

After careful consideration we have concluded that your request is vexatious and we are therefore refusing it under section 14(1) of the Act.

In reaching this decision we have worked through the Information Commissioner's guidance on vexatious requests which is available at: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/foi/freedom-of-information-and-environmental-information-regulations/section-14-dealing-with-vexatious-requests/what-does-section-14-1-of-foia-say/>
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GLD considers your request vexatious for the following reasons:

1.) Excessive Burden

Since 27 May 2025, you have submitted numerous FOIA requests, all of which relate to ongoing legal proceedings involving our client. Responding to these requests places a significant and disproportionate burden on GLD's resources. In addition to these FOIA requests, you have engaged in persistent contact through multiple channels, including frequent telephone calls, numerous complaints, and emails which we consider to be harassing in nature.

2.) Apparent Motive

The pattern of behaviour suggests that your actions are part of a broader campaign intended to disrupt GLD's ability to represent its client effectively. This includes attempts to target and pressure individual staff members and disrupt GLD's day to day operations.

3.) Limited Public Interest Value

The requests appear to be driven by personal grievances rather than a genuine interest in transparency or public accountability. As such, they hold minimal value to the wider public.

4.) Targeting of Individuals & Teams

This particular request is a continuation of matters which were addressed with yourself on 02 June 2025. As such, this FOI is revisiting this issue appears to be part of a continued effort to cause distress and disruption.

In light of the above, GLD considers this request to be a misuse of the Freedom of Information Act. It is disproportionate, lacks justification, and falls within the scope of section 14(1) of the Act as defined by the Information Commissioner's guidance on vexatious requests.

Your Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original correspondence. Please use the contact details provided at the top of this letter in order to request an internal review relating to your original request.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

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Yours sincerely,

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