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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to hiring contractors for IT Department.

You asked:

1 particular example is that apparently your Head of IT is a contractor paid at a high wage and also has been working as a contractor for you for over 5 years now?!

Can you advise why so much public money has been wasted in this fashion? I would like it if you could also advise if this is true in regards to the Head of IT?

If this is true, then why would you use a contracting service which is costly and designed to fill a position for a short amount of time for 5 years?

(Taken exactly as worded on the request)

Trust response:

Can you advise why so much public money has been wasted in this fashion?
Under the Freedom of Information Act you have a right to request any recorded information held by a public authority.

The right only covers recorded information which includes information held on computers, in emails and in printed or handwritten documents as well as images, video and audio recordings.

This question has asked for an opinion and is therefore not covered under the Act.

I would like it if you could also advise if this is true in regards to the Head of IT?

The Head of IT role has been fulfilled by a contractor for 3 years.

If this is true, then why would you use a contracting service which is costly and designed to fill a position for a short amount of time for 5 years?

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