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The person dealing with this matter is: Paul Fisher

Dear Mr Rowe

Thank you for your request for information received on 11 September 2017 concerning:

- 1. Could you answer if the library service or local authority completes annual CIPFA library stats. These are as detailed here: http://www.cipfa.org/services/statistics/comparative-profiles/public-libraries
- 2. If the answer to the above is Yes, please could you send your 2017 CIPFA library stats return (covering financial year 2016/2017)?

It is important that this should be sent in the exact format (a copy of the same file) that is sent to CIPFA..

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the London Borough of Bexley holds the information you requested. However, we are withholding some of that information since we consider that the following exemptions apply to it. I have detailed below the information that is not being withheld.

- 1 I can confirm that the library service completes annual CIPFA stats
- 2 We consider that the absolute exemption set out in Section 21 (Information accessible by other means) applies to the information requested because the information requested is already reasonably accessible elsewhere.

The information you requested is available from CIPFA using the following link - https://www.cipfastats.net/cipfastats/ If you do not have access to the internet at home, you may be able to use facilities at your local library.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

Complaint and Freedom of Information Officer London Borough of Bexley Civic Offices 2 Watling Street Bexleyheath Kent DA6 7AT Or by email to $\underline{xxx@xxxxxx.xxx.xx}$

Yours sincerely

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