**Freedom of Information Act / Environmental Information Regulations Request**

Reference: ECC4537301 05 18  
Response: 18 May 2018

**Question 1 -** **REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS RELATING TO DATA ANALYTICS,**

**PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS, OR ALGORITHMIC AUTOMATED SYSTEMS USED FOR RISK ASSESSMENT, PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS, SCORING SYSTEMS OR AUTOMATED DECISION MAKING WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL.**

I can confirm that Essex County Council (ECC) does hold this information, however from our preliminary assessment, we estimate that compliance with your request would exceed the appropriate costs limit under section 12 of the Freedom of information Act 2000. This is currently £450. This limit is calculated 18 hours of work at a cost of £25 per hour. The information you have requested is not available because ECC is divided into a number of Directorates and is situated at number of locations across Essex. In order to comply with your request every area would need to be consulted and would need to conduct a search of their records required under your request. This would take over the 18 hours. Therefore we will not be complying with this part of your request. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice in respect of this part of your request.

Although ECC cannot answer your request at the moment, it might be able to answer a refined request within the cost limit. Therefore, you may wish to consider refining your request.

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