

Date: 26 April 2021

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1544

I write further to your email dated 17 March 2021.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), explained on our [freedom of information](#) page.

Your request:

1. How many reports did you receive from whistleblowers in 2019 and in 2020?
None.
2. How many people do you have in your organisation that are trained/permitted to take reports from whistleblowers?
Four.
3. What training have the people in question number 2 received in whistleblowing?
No formal training – however, those referred to in Q2 includes 3 statutory officers and the Audit Manager, all skilled in dealing with confidential reporting such as this.
4. What cost, if any, was there for this training?
N/A
5. Which organisation delivered each course?
N/A
6. What is the name of the person that arranged this training and what is their email address?
N/A
7. What methods do you have for whistleblowers to contact a person that is authorised to take their report and what are the specific details of these, i.e., email addresses, telephone numbers etc?
People can raise concerns by emailing or calling the named people or write a letter.
 - Chief Executive: bev.smith@nwleicestershire.gov.uk, 01530 454500
 - Monitoring Officer: elizabeth.warhurst@nwleicestershire.gov.uk, 01530 454762
 - Section 151 Officer: tracy.bingham@nwleicestershire.gov.uk, 01530 454707
 - Audit Manager: lisa.marron@nwleicestershire.gov.uk, 01530 454728

Letters to be sent to:

*Council Offices
North West Leicestershire District Council
Whitwick Road
Coalville
LE67 3FJ*

You can also raise a concern with a 'prescribed person':

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/blowing-the-whistle-list-of-prescribed-people-and-bodies--2>

8. What are the email addresses for the people authorised to receive whistleblower reports?
Provided above.

9. How many whistleblowers have left the organisation within 12 months of making a report?
I'm not sure that we would hold this info as the whistleblowing would be confidential? Also as there is no date range on this question im not sure we would be able to answer this anyway.
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10. How many whistleblowers have made an allegation of 'detriment' against your organisation?
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For more information, please see our online policy, available at:

https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/files/documents/confidential_reporting_whistleblowing_policy1/Appendix%203%20Whistleblowing%20Policy%20Final.pdf

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If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion 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 accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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