

Dear

I am writing to you in reply to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to Nottinghamshire County Council. I have the following information.

1) Which celebrity was hired to make an appearance.

Anne Davies (TV presenter)

2) What they were hired to do.

Facilitate a Q&A at the June 19 Explore Notts Tourism Summit.

3) When they were hired.

June 2019

4) How much they were paid.

I can confirm that we are withholding this information under S40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act which prevents the disclosure of personal information relating to third parties in line with the principles of the Data Protection Act.

We did consider whether there were any factors in this case which would justify a breach of the Data Protection Principles and weighed this against the individual's expectation of confidentiality.

We accept that there is considerable local and national interest in the use of public funds. However, individuals who perform at or participate in events arranged on behalf of the local authority have a right to expect that their personal details will not be released to an interested third party or into the public domain. Therefore, it is our view that there are no factors which would justify a breach of confidentiality on this occasion.

5) If they were given anything in lieu of payment – e.g. night in a hotel, cab fares etc

See response to question four.

6) In some instances a celebrity may have asked the money be paid to charity. If you have a record of this, please say how much and which charity.

See response to question four.

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail foi@nottsc.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

John Allison
Information Officer
Chief Executive's Department
Nottinghamshire County Council
County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP
Telephone: 0115 977 2788