

**Subject:** Request for information regarding FTE frontline communications staff/press officers employed by NRS.

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**Date responded:** 16 February 2021

**Information requested:**

1. Can you please set out how many FTE frontline communications staff/press officers there have been for each of the ten years to 2019/20. If an average number cannot be source, pick March as a snapshot.
  - 1b. How many FTE frontline communications staff/press officers were there in January (snapshot) 2021.
  - 1c. What was the annual cost of employing those frontline staff in all those years 2009/10 – 2019/20.
2. How many FTE frontline communications supplied by a private company in all those years 2009/10 – 2019/20.
  - 2b. How much was spent in those outsourced frontline PR/communications/press office functions, in other words, not in-house but external PR/communications supplied by a private company (as per Q4).

**NRS Response:**

1.

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21 (Jan 2021 staffing snapshot)</b>
Number of Staff	2	2	4	4	4	5	5	10	9	10
Annual Cost	£46,263	£52,132	£113,398	£181,310	£193,046	£224,195	£249,939	£237,004	£431,300	

2. National Records of Scotland (NRS) have not outsourced any frontline communications staff/press officers in the years 2011 – 2021.

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance NRS does not have some of the information requested. The reasons why we do not have the information are explained in the Annex.

## **Annex - Reasons for not providing information**

### National Records of Scotland (NRS) does not have the information

This is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that National Records of Scotland does not have some of the information requested.

NRS does not have some of the information requested as National Records of Scotland was formed in 2011, therefore, staffing records from before 2011/12 are unavailable.