

**Freedom of information request – our ref 18/19 – 3871**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act.

I would like to know:

1. How much money was spent on translators in the financial years 2017/18, 2016/17, and 2015/16? Can I have the numbers broken down by year please?

The cost for interpretation is shown below and includes face to face and telephone, as these costs are not separated.

2015/16 – £356,591k

2016/17 - £117,719k

2017/18 - £329,363k

2. How many times were translators required over the three years? Can I have the numbers broken down by year please?

[See response below](#)

3. What languages were the translators needed for?

British Sign Language (BSL)

Polish

Spanish

Farsi

Urdu

Punjabi

Gujarati

Czech

Kurdish

Kurdish sorani

Kurdish badini

Albanian

Arabic

Bosnian

Bulgarian

Portuguese

Cantonese

Mandarin

Hungarian

Romanian

French

German

Italian

Latvian

Lithuanian

Russian

Slovak  
Tamil  
Thai  
Tigrinya  
Turkish  
Vietnamese  
Bengali

How many times were translators needed for each language?

The Trust does not record this information.

### **Response to Question 2**

The Trust is unable to provide this information as the company previously used as our managed service provider has entered into administration. We are therefore unable to obtain any information from them.

**Response issued by**  
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