



Dear Mr McGrath

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information**

I am writing in respect of your enquiry dated 3 November 2011 for information held by the Council. Your enquiry is being dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. You requested information relating to the financial years:

April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011;  
April 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010;  
April 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2009.

With regard to the following questions:

- i) The amount spent by this authority on the installation of public facing CCTV cameras and the purchase or lease of recording equipment and premises;
  - ii) The annual cost of this authority's public facing CCTV operation and maintenance;
  - iii) The annual wage and salary cost of CCTV operators including pension liabilities;
  - iv) The total number of cameras:
    - a) Controlled by this authority on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011;
    - b) Controlled by this authority, broken down into mobile and fixed devices, on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011;
    - c) If it exists, a copy of any internal guidance on CCTV usage.
2. The following attached information is provided free of charge in response to your enquiry. The information relates to the financial years:

April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011;  
April 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010;  
April 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2009.

Appendix A: Councils Spend on CCTV.

Appendix B: Current CCTV Code of Practice.



3. If you are unhappy with the way in which your enquiry has been dealt with, you may ask for an internal review by initiating the Council's Corporate Complaints Procedure, details of which may be obtained by logging onto the Council's website <http://www.dartford.gov.uk> or telephoning or emailing me. Should you remain dissatisfied with the decision on internal review, you may appeal to the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.

I would be grateful if you would address any future correspondence you may have in relation to this matter, to me, quoting the reference number FOI No. 976. Please familiarise yourself with the informative on re-use of information.

Yours sincerely

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**FOI Request pertaining to the Council's spend on CCTV**

1. The amount spent by this authority on the installation of public - facing CCTV cameras and the purchase or lease of recording equipment and premises in the financial years:

- a) April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011;
- b) April 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010;
- c) April 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2009.

Council	Financial Year	Amount spent on fixed public facing cameras	Amount spent on mobile public facing cameras	Central Government grant or PFI	Total Council spend on cameras
Dartford Borough Council	2010 – 2011	27,340	1,522	Nil	£28,862
Dartford Borough Council	2009 – 2010	18,528	1,522	Nil	£20,050
Dartford Borough Council	2008 - 2009	20,923	1,442	Nil	£22,365

2. The annual cost of this authority's public-facing CCTV operation and maintenance in the financial years (Operation amount includes salaries):

- a) April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011;
- b) April 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010;
- c) April 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2009.

Council	Financial Year	Annual cost of CCTV operation and maintenance for fixed cameras	Annual cost of CCTV operation and maintenance for mobile cameras	Total Council spend on CCTV operation and maintenance
Dartford Borough Council	2010 -2011	227,402	1,530	£228,932
Dartford Borough Council	2009 - 2010	211,683	12,868.70 (COFDM upgrade)	£224,551.70
Dartford Borough Council	2008 - 2009	209,895	1,530	£211,425

**3. The annual wage and salary cost of CCTV operators including pension liabilities to this authority in the financial years:**

- a) April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011;
- b) April 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010;
- c) April 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2009.

<b>Council</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Salary Costs</b>	<b>Pension &amp; other liabilities</b>	<b>Total annual cost to Council</b>
Dartford Borough Council	2010 - 2011	96,844	Included	£96,844
Dartford Borough Council	2009 - 2010	95,616	Included	£95,616
Dartford Borough Council	2008 - 2009	87,298	Included	£87,298

**4. The total number of cameras:**

- a) Controlled by this authority on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011;
- b) Controlled by this authority, broken down into mobile and fixed devices, on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011;
- c) If it exists, a copy of any internal guidance on CCTV usage.

**Answers:**

- a) 57 PSS Cameras;
- b) 54 Fixed Location Cameras and 3 Mobile RDP Cameras;
- c) Copy of Current COP attached as 'Appendix B'.