

Dear

Thank you for your email dated 8 September 2016 requesting the following information under FOISA:

1. Please provide the total amount of the total funding awarded to Colleges Scotland for the operational costs of the new National Bargaining Employers' Association which was established earlier this year.

In response to your request, please find detailed below the relevant information:

There is no such organisation called the 'National Bargaining Employers' Association', but I presume that your request is in relation to the funds to support the implementation of National Bargaining across the college sector, so I have responded to you on this assumption.

I can confirm that Colleges Scotland has been awarded funding up to £1,380,000 from the Scottish Funding Council's Strategic Funds, as of 1 August 2016 to establish Colleges Scotland's Employers' Association to support activities related to the implementation of National Bargaining across the college sector.

The funding will be paid over academic years 2016-17 to 2018-19 as per the table below.

<b>AY 2016-17</b>	<b>AY 2017-18</b>	<b>AY 2018-19</b>
£460,000	£460,000	£460,000

### **Your Right to Seek a Review of the Response**

If you are not satisfied with our response or our reasoning set out above, you have forty working days in which to request a review of our decision. Any request should be put in writing and should be sent to Shona Struthers at the address noted below. The request should:

- (a) detail your request for a review of our decision to be undertaken;
- (b) describe the nature of your original request; and
- (c) explain the reasons why you are dissatisfied with our response.

Shona Struthers  
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If you remain dissatisfied with how your request for information has been dealt with, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether Colleges Scotland has handled your request properly.

Information relating to your right to seek a review is available from the Scottish Information Commissioner's web page at:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Askingforareview.aspx>

Or by contacting the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

Scottish Information Commissioner  
Kinburn Castle  
Doubledykes Road,  
St Andrews  
Fife  
KY16 9DS  
Telephone: 01334 464610  
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e-mail: [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info)  
Website: [www.itspublicknowledge.info](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info)

This concludes Colleges Scotland's response to your information request.

Yours sincerely

Shona

