

## Appendix 4

### Numbers of Freedom of Information Requests received by Stockton on Tees Borough Council over the last 4 years

	FOI's
<b>2012/13</b>	790
<b>2013/14</b>	1103
<b>2014/15</b>	1122
<b>2015/16 to date</b>	536 in the first 6 months of 2015/16

### Source of Requests in the first 6 months of 2015/16

	April-Sept 2015
<b>Action/Campaign Group</b>	26 (5.2%)
<b>Business</b>	131 (26.3%)
<b>Charity/VCS</b>	13 (2.6%)
<b>Media</b>	91 (18.3%)
<b>Other member of the public</b>	170 (34.1%)
<b>Political</b>	13 (2.6%)
<b>Researcher/Student/Lobbyist</b>	17 (3.4%)
<b>Stockton Resident</b>	30 (6%)

### Topic frequency

Following a review of all FOI's responded to during the first 6 months of 2015/16 analysis identifies a wide range of topics covered. A total of 56 different service areas assisted in the coordination of responses. Below is a brief overview of the topics which are consistently the most requested.

Topic	Number of Requests – April to Sept 2015
Care for your Area	18
Child Protection	14
Children with Disabilities or Complex Needs	15
Council Tax and Business Rates	56
Highways	24
Home Care/Domiciliary Care/Residential Care	21
Housing	32
ICT	17
Licensing	15
Looked after Children	26
Our Workforce	30
Planning	19
Corporate Procurement and Contracts	14
Schools General	27