



Freedom of information disclosure

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Q1. The amount charged by the academy chain for services it provides to schools (sometimes described as the top slice) expressed as a total and as a percentage of the general academies grant over the last three financial years and the current financial year.

Answer: The Elliot Foundation imposes a corporate charge of 6% of the General Annual Grant (GAG) to each academy. This is the same as for academic year 2012-13 and is forecast to remain the same in academic year 2014-15. This information is also available at www.elliottfoundation.co.uk/faqs/

In absolute terms the Elliot Foundation corporate charge income over the last three years was:

- 2010-11 - £0
- 2011-12 - £0
- 2012-13 - £359k
- 2013-14 - £1.1m (budget)

Q2. The pay levels of your senior staff (over the last three financial years) and in the current financial year.

Answer: Already covered by previous FOI disclosures made in April and Sept which can be found at www.elliottfoundation.co.uk/partners-and-resources/academy-documents/

Q3. Any details or information you have regarding the use of personal service companies by your staff for tax purposes {over the last three financial years}.

Answer:

- This is a leading question in that it assumes that the only reason for using personal service companies is for tax purposes. The Elliot Foundation initially engaged the services of its founder directors as contractors because it couldn't afford to pay them as employees
- For the first accounting period April 2012 – August 2013, founder directors were the only senior staff engaged by the Elliot Foundation. All worked as contractors for a number of clients, the Elliot Foundation being one.
- As detailed in previous FOI disclosures founder directors donated and deferred payment on a significant proportion of their work to minimize the burden on the tight finances of the Elliot Foundation
- As the Elliot Foundation has grown, it has become more financially secure and has demanded more time from founder directors who have become or are scheduled to become full time employees, as detailed in previous FOI disclosures.