FREEDOM OF INFORMATION POLICY

Purpose of Policy/ Document

To ensure that the college complies with the Freedom of Information Act

Application of Policy (Range and Scope)

All staff need to be aware of the basic principles of the act and to whom requests should be referred.

Particular Legal Requirements/Issues Outside of Equality, Diversity and Disability (E.D.D)

Freedom of Information Act

Links with Other Policies/Documents

Data Protection Act

Equality, Diversity and Disability (Disability, Equality, Duty Impact Assessment)

Has a Preliminary Equality Analysis been completed?

*Yes Date Completed: 05.12.12

Is a full Impact Assessment required?

No

If 'yes', has a copy been sent to the Equality Manager?

n/a

For Completion by the Executive:

POLICY/DOC REFERENCE	MIS03
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COLLEGE POLICY ACCESS TO INFORMATION & PUBLICATION SCHEME

Introduction

Heart of Worcestershire College is committed to making as much Information about College activities as possible generally available to the public either through published documents (including those published on the College website), or on request.

Freedom of Information Act 2000: Publication Scheme

Adopting a publication scheme is a requirement of Section 19 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This policy has been revised to meet the requirements of the document published by the government in July 2018 entitled "The Freedom of Information Code of Practice", together with advice published by the Information Commissioners Office (ICO). The purpose of the Act is to promote greater openness by public authorities, which include further education colleges. Heart of Worcestershire College has adopted the Model Publication Scheme produced by the Information Commissioner's Officer for the Further Education sector. The Scheme provides a description of the "classes" or types of information that the Information Commissioner expects colleges of further education to make available. The Model Publication Scheme is attached as Appendix 1 to this policy document. In addition to the model scheme organisations are obliged to produce a Guide to the specific information held under each of the classes of information identified in the scheme: this guide is attached as Appendix 2 to this policy document.

How to access information

Heart of Worcestershire College will make available information it holds whether or not listed in the Guide to the Publication Scheme unless identified as not available under one of the exemptions provided for by the legislation. Any documents routinely available to the public are noted in the Guide in the descriptions of the different classes of information. Some documents covered by the scheme are published in electronic format via the college's website at www.howcollege.ac.uk or other websites as indicated. Other documents are only available in hard copy and will be provided on request. Section 8 of the act states that all requests must be made in writing (hard copy or electronic), the applicant must provide their name (not a pseudonym) and a correspondence address (electronic or postal), and the request must adequately describe the information sought. A response to a valid request will be made as soon as possible within the 20 working days response period, providing further clarification is not required, and no fees are expected. A Freedom of Information Request Form is attached to this policy as appendix 3

Charging Policy

Printed information on courses and services offered by the college is available free of charge, as are packs issued to people responding to notices of job vacancies. If requested, the College will produce publications and documents in other formats where it is reasonably practical to do so. For items not routinely available on request free of charge, or for items in other requested formats which incur additional cost, the College will usually make a charge. No charge will be made for routine requests where the data can be returned by standard electronic files such as pdf, MS Word or MS Excel. For paper copies, the charge will normally comprise of the cost of photocopying or scanning (current photocopying charges and scanning charges are each 5p plus VAT per page) or the direct cost of putting the information into other requested formats, plus postage if applicable. In certain circumstances the college may waive the fee at its absolute discretion.

Contact and Complaints

The contact for requests for documents, questions, comments or complaints about this policy or the publication scheme is:

Stuart Laverick Principal & Chief Executive Heart of Worcestershire College Osprey House Albert Street Redditch B97 4DE

Tel 01905 743472

Email <u>slaverick@howcollege.ac.uk</u>

It is helpful if the form supplied in Appendix 3 is completed.

Complaints outside the College

The College will do everything in its power to meet enquirers' information needs. However, if the College is unable to resolve a complaint, enquirers have the right to complain to the Office of the Information Commissioner, the independent body which oversees the implementation of the Freedom of Information Act.

The address is: Information Commissioner Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Exemptions

This is a summary of reasons by which the College might refuse a request. A full list of reasons together with further details of each is available on the ICO website at www.ico.gov.uk

<u>Cost</u>

The cost limit for complying with a request or a linked series of requests from the same person or group is set £450. We will refuse a request if we estimate the cost to exceed this amount, charged at staff costs of £25 per hour plus other disbursements

If complying with a request would cost more than £450, we can refuse it outright or do the work for an extra charge.

We would not do this work without getting written agreement from the requester that they will pay the extra costs. We would also give the requester the option of refining their request rather than paying extra.

Vexatious Requests

We can refuse to comply with a request that is vexatious. If so, we do not have to comply with any part of it, or even confirm or deny whether we hold information. When assessing whether a request is vexatious, the Act permits us to take into account the context and history of a request, including the identity of the requester and our previous contact with them.

Repeated Requests

We can refuse requests if they are repeated, whether or not they are also vexatious. We would not refuse a request as repeated once a reasonable period has passed.

Other Exemptions

There are a number of reasons why we can legally refuse a request. The full list is available at: www.ico.gov.uk.

The most relevant are listed here.

Section 21 - Information already reasonably accessible

This exemption applies if the information requested is already accessible to the requester, e.g. it is available in the local library.

Section 22 - information intended for future publication

This exemption applies if, when we receive a request for information, we are preparing the material and definitely intend to publish it and it is reasonable not to disclose it until then.

Section 38 – endangering health and safety

We can apply the section 38 exemption if complying with the request would or would be likely to endanger anyone's physical or mental health or safety.

Section 40(1) - personal information of the requester

We would treat any request made by an individual for their own personal data as a subject access request under the Data Protection Act 2018. We would apply this to any part of the request that is for the requester's own personal data.

Section 40(2) - data protection

This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the Data Protection Act.

Section 41 – confidentiality

This exemption applies if the following two conditions are satisfied:

- we received the information from someone else; and
- complying with the request would be a breach of confidence that is actionable (further information about what is meant by actionable is provided in our detailed guidance below).

Section 43 – trade secrets and prejudice to commercial interests

This exemption covers two situations:

- when information constitutes a trade secret or
- when complying with the request would prejudice or would be likely to prejudice someone's commercial interests.

Section 44 – prohibitions on disclosure

We would apply this exemption if complying with a request for information:

- is not allowed under law;
- would be contrary to an obligation under EU law; or
- would constitute contempt of court.

Refusal Notice

We would refuse requests in writing within 20 working days (or the standard time for compliance) of receiving it.

In the refusal notice we would:

- explain what provision of the Act we are relying on to refuse the request and why;
- explain the requester's right to complain to the ICO, including contact details for this.

The Public Interest Test

Where the exemption we apply is qualified, we will do a public interest test.

Request for Extra Time

In certain cases we would claim extra time to comply with the request. The extra time claimed would be no more than 20 extra working days.

APPENDIX 1:

HEART OF WORCESTERSHIRE COLLEGE PUBLICATION SCHEME

MAIN CLASSES OF INFORMATION

- 1. Who we are and what we do
- 2. What we spend and how we spend it
- 3. What our priorities are and are we meeting our targets
- 4. How we make decisions
- 5. Our policies and procedures
- 6. Lists and registers
- 7. The services we offer

Model Publication Scheme for Further Education Colleges (Information Commissioner's Office October 2013) Descriptions of the 7 Main Information Classes & Sub-Classes

1. Who w	ve are and what we do			
Current information on the College, structures, locations and contacts				
1.1	Legal Framework	Information relating to the legal and corporate status of the institution		
1.2	How the institution is organised	Information about the management structure of the institution, including a description of the Statutory Bodies and the organisational structure together with a description of the work of each unit and the names and responsibilities of key personnel. It is also expected that terms of reference, membership and description of all boards and committees would be provided under this heading. It should include department structures and identify senior personnel.		
1.3	Lists of and information relating to organisations it works in partnership with and any companies wholly owned by it	On the basis that most of these bodies will be responsible for their own affairs, it is expected that this information need be only sufficient for the purposes of identifying the relationship between these bodies (such as business, the professions and the community) and the college.		
1.4	Location and contact details	If possible, named contacts should be given in addition to contact phone numbers and email addresses.		
1.5	Student activities	Information relating to the operation and activities of the Student Union and other clubs, associations and non- academic activities that are organised for or by the students can also be included where this information is held by the college.		
2. What	we spend and how we sp	bend it		
		ected and actual income and expenditure, procurement,		
contracts a		pected as a minimum that financial information for the current		
2.1	Funding/ income	Information on the sources of funding and income, such as funding grants, tuition fees, endowment and investment income (including investment strategy).		

2.2	Budgetary and	Annual statement of accounts and other information to allow
	account information	the public to see where money is being spent, where it is or
		has been planned to spend it and the difference between one
		and another. It is expected that revenue budgets and budgets
		for capital expenditure will be included.
2.3	Financial audit	
2.0	reports	
2.4	Capital programme	Information on major plans for capital expenditure including
		any public private partnership contracts.
2.5	Financial regulations	
	and procedures	
2.6	Staff pay and grading	This may be provided as part of the organisational structure
	structures	and should indicate, for most posts, levels of pay rather than
		individual salaries.
2.7	Register of suppliers	
2.8	Procurement and	Details of procedures used for the acquisition of goods and
	tender procedures	services. Contracts currently available for public tender and
	and reports	reports of successful tenders.
2.9	Contracts	It is expected normally that it should be necessary only to
		publish details of contracts that are of sufficient size to have
		gone through a formal tendering process.
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Sub clas	SSES	Explanatory Notes
4.1	Minutes from	It is expected that minutes of meetings where key decisions
	governing body,	are made about the operation of the college, excluding
	council, academic	material that is properly considered to be private, will be readily
	boards and steering	available to the public.
	groups	
4.2	Teaching and learning	
	committee minutes	
4.3	Minutes of staff /	
	student consultation	
	meetings	
4.4	Appointment	
	committees and	
	procedures	
5. Our	policies and procedures	
Current	written protocols, policies ar	d procedures for delivering our services and responsibilities. It
		ass will be current information only.
5.1	Policies and	Codes of practice, memoranda of understanding, procedural
	procedures for	rules, standing orders and similar information should be
	conducting college	included. Procedures for handling requests for information
	business	should be included
5.2	Procedures and	Some of these policies may already be covered in class 2
	policies relating to	'What our priorities are and how we are doing' in the context of
	academic services	external review and academic quality and standards.
		Additional policies under this heading may include such
		matters as policies and procedures relating to changing
		course, regulations and policy on student assessment, appeal
		procedures and policy on breach of assessment regulations.
5.3	Procedures and	This will include relevant policies and procedures as they
	policies relating to	apply, for example, to student admission and registration,
	student services	accommodation, management of the student records system,
		the assessment of external qualifications, internal student
		complaints and appeals, and code of student discipline.
5.4	Procedures and	This will include the full range of human resources policies and
	policies relating to	procedures such as generic terms and conditions of
	human resources	employment, collective bargaining and consultation with trade
		unions, grievance, disciplinary, harassment and bullying, public
		interest disclosure, staff development (such as induction,
		probation, appraisal, promotions).
5.5	Procedures and	If vacancies are advertised as part of recruitment policies,
	policies relating to	details of current vacancies will be readily available.
	recruitment	
5.6	Code of Conduct for	
	members of	
	governing bodies	
5.7	Equality and Diversity	This will also include policies, statements, procedures and
		guidelines relating to equal opportunities.
5.8	Health and Safety	
5.9	Estate management	This will include disposals policy, estates strategy and plan,
		facilities management policies, grounds and building
		maintenance.

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5.10	Complaints policies	Complaints procedures will include those covering requests for
F 44	and procedures	information and operating the publication scheme.
5.11	Records management	This will include information security policies, records retention
	and personal data	and archive policies, and data protection (including data
	policies	sharing) policies.
5.12	Charging regimes and	Details of any statutory charging regimes should be provided.
	policies	Charging policies should include charges made for information
		routinely published and clearly state what costs are to be
		recovered together with the basis on which they are made and
<u> </u>		how they are calculated.
	and Registers	
		ill be contained only in currently maintained lists and registers.
Sub clas		Explanatory Notes
6.1	Any information we	
	are currently legally	
	required to hold in	
	publicly available	
	registers	
6.2	Asset registers	It is not expected that colleges will publish all details from all
		asset registers. It is expected that some information from
		capital asset registers will be available.
6.3	Disclosure logs	Where a department produces a disclosure log indicating the
		information that has been provided in response to request it
		should be readily available. Disclosure logs are themselves
		recommended as good practice.
-	services we offer	
		fer, including leaflets, guidance and newsletters.
		t of the first class of information. While the first class provides
which ar	e provided by the college as	sibilities of the college, this class includes details of the services a result of them. It will also relate to information covered in
		rvices that could be included are listed below
Sub clas		Explanatory Notes
7.1	Prospectus and	
	Course content	
7.2	Health Advice	
7.3	Careers Advice	
7.4	Chaplaincy Services	
7.5	Services for which	
	the College is entitled	
	to recover a fee	
	(together with those	
	fees)	
7.6		
	Sports & recreational	
	facilities	
7.7	facilities Museums, libraries,	It is expected that this will include guides to collections and
7.7	facilities Museums, libraries, special collections	It is expected that this will include guides to collections and scope and availability of catalogues.
7.7	facilities Museums, libraries, special collections and archives	
7.7	facilities Museums, libraries, special collections	
	facilities Museums, libraries, special collections and archives	
7.8	facilitiesMuseums, libraries,special collectionsand archivesConference facilities	

APPENDIX 2:

GUIDE TO DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE UNDER THE PUBLICATION SCHEME (All requests via the Freedom of Information Manager - see appendix 3)

This is not an exhaustive list but indicative of the types of document held. If a document you require is not shown in this guide please contact the Freedom of Information Manager. Some information may in some circumstances be exempt from disclosure

Please note that where paper copies of information are requested, the college may charge a fee to cover photocopying and postage costs. Where information is provided by email, a fee will not normally be charged for items in this list

1. Who	1. Who we are and what we do Source/Format				
Curren	t information on the	College, structures, locations and contacts			
1.1	Legal Framework, Instrument and Articles of	Further and Higher Education Act 1992 Charities Act Learning & Skills Act 2000	www.legislation.gov.u k/		
	Government, Articles of Association	Papers relating to the funding and auditing of F.E. Colleges by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) Instruments and Article of Governance	www.gov.uk/govern ment/organisations/e ducation-and-skills- funding-agency www.howcollege.ac.u <u>k</u>		
1.2	How the institution is organised	Structure chart of senior posts Detailed organisational structure charts Responsibilities of the Corporation Corporation Committees and structures Governance Matters College Corporation Membership Committee meetings Key Documents Instrument and Articles Arrangements for obtaining student views	On request – electronic or paper <u>www.howcollege.ac.u</u> <u>k</u>		
1.3	Lists of and information relating to organisations it	Details of partners with whom we work Details of other organisations with whom	<u>www.howcollege.ac.u</u> <u>k</u> On request –		
	works in	we work, e.g. Education and Skills	electronic or paper		

	partnership with and any companies wholly owned by it	Funding Agency, Office for Students, Awarding Organisations, Local Authorities etc.	
1.4	Location and contact details	Site maps Directions Contact details	www.howcollege.ac.u <u>k</u>
1.5	Student activities	Student Union details and constitution Sports and volunteering Student Union Officers	www.howcollege.ac.u <u>k</u>
Finan		nd how we spend it ing to projected and actual income and exper dit.	nditure, procurement,
2.1	Funding/ income	Annual Budget as approved by corporation Annual Audited Financial Statements	On request – electronic or paper
2.2	Budgetary and account information; expenditure	Annual audited financial statements Annual budget as approved by Corporation Management accounts as reported to Corporation	On request – electronic or paper
2.3	Financial audit reports	Annual financial statements and regularity audit report Annual internal audit report	On request – electronic or paper
2.4	Capital programme	Information on any major plans for capital expenditure (where applicable)	On request – electronic or paper
2.5	Financial regulations and procedures	Financial regulations including procurement policy Fraud policy Value for money policy Partner Management Fee policy	On request – electronic or paper
2.6	Pay Policy, Staff pay and grading structures , allowances and expenses	Academic Pay Scales Business Support Pay Scales Remuneration of senior staff as published in annual accounts Travel and subsistence rates	On request – electronic or paper
2.7	Register of suppliers	Register of college suppliers	On request – electronic or paper
2.8	Procurement and tender procedures and reports	Financial regulations Contracting and tendering procedure	On request – electronic or paper
2.9	Contracts	Annual report on contracts valued over £20,000	On request – electronic or paper

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Below is a list of the type of information that It is expected that colleges of further education will have readily available for publication.

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	lasses	Explanatory Notes	
3.1	Annual Report, Self- Assessment Report	College Strategic Aims and Annual Objectives College Self-Assessment Report	On request – electronic or paper
3.2	Corporate and Business Plans		
3.3	Teaching & Learning Strategy	Teaching and Learning Assessment Strategy Lessons Observations Procedure and Feedback Tutorial Management Student Support and Supervision Arrangements	On request – electronic or paper
3.4	Academic Quality & Standards	Learner Involvement Strategy Quality Improvement Strategy ILT Strategy Annual Self-Assessment Report Accreditation and monitoring reports by professional, statutory or regulatory bodies Course Portfolio Student Perception Surveys Assessment appeals Course reviews Internal verification External Verifier report action plans	On request – electronic or paper
3.5	External Review Information	List of external reviews	On request – electronic or paper
3.6	Corporate Relations	Marketing Strategy	On request – electronic or paper
3.7	Government & Regulatory Reports	OFSTED Inspection Report	www.howcollege.ac.u <u>k</u>
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4.1	Minutes, agendas and papers from governing body	Agendas and non-confidential minutes of Corporation, Audit Committee and Governance and Search Committee. Remuneration Committee information is confidential due to Data Protection and Commercial Sensitivity issues. There will be excluded from any item made available any material relating to: (a) a named person employed at or	<u>www.howcollege.ac.u</u> <u>k</u>

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		proposed to be employed at, the	
		institution; (b) a named student at, or	
		candidate for admission to, the institution;	
		(c) the Clerk to the Corporation; and (d)	
		any matter which, by reason of its nature,	
		the Corporation is satisfied should be dealt	
		with on a confidential basis.	
4.2	Academic	Minutes of management boards meetings	On request –
	boards,		electronic or paper
	steering groups		
	and committees		
4.3	Minutes of staff,	Minutes of course representative	On request –
	student	committees	electronic or paper
	consultation		
	meetings		
4.4	Appointment	Recruitment policy and procedures	On request –
	committees and	Appointment procedures for Governors	electronic or paper
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	ponsibilities	ols, policies and procedures for delivering our	SELVICES ALLA
5.1	Policies and	College Policies	On request
5.1	procedures for	College Policies Management Procedures	On request – electronic or paper
	conducting	Management Flocedules	electronic of paper
	college		
	business		
5.2	Procedures and	Student Standards Policy	On request –
0.2	policies relating	Student Attendance Policy	electronic or paper
	to academic	Careers Strategy and Action Plan	
	services	Learner Involvement Strategy	
		Teaching and Learning Assessment	
		Strategy	
		Examination management	
		Examinations special arrangements	
		Admissions and Enrolment	
		Policy on plagiarism	
		External examination bodies regulations	
5.3	Procedures and	Student handbook including information	On request –
	policies relating	on Welfare advice, health services,	electronic or paper
	to student	careers services, sports and recreational	
	services	facilities and finance	
		Learning development and support	
		Services for students with special needs	
		Opening hours of libraries, study and ICT	
		centres	
		Guide to Library services and library rules	
		Copyright guidelines	
	1	IT usage – codes of practice	
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5.4	Procedures and	(Note – I have added some policies	On request –
5.4	Procedures and policies relating to human	(Note – I have added some policies available on portal to previous list) Acceptable Use Policy	On request – electronic or paper

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	resources	Adoption Leave Policy Alcohol and Substance Misuse Policy Capability Procedure Staff training and development policy Disciplinary Policies Employee Wellbeing and Stress Policy Flexible Working Time Policy Fraud Policy Grievance Procedures Maternity Policy Paternity Leave Policy Probationary Procedures Prevention of Harassment and Bullying Policy Redundancy Policies Sickness and Absence Policy Terms and conditions of employment Local recognition and procedural agreement Harassment and Bulling policy Health and safety policy Public interest disclosure Deformence douglapment review opheme	
		Performance development review scheme	
		Investors in people assessment report	
5.5	Procedures and policies relating to recruitment	Recruitment and Selection of Staff Policy	On request – electronic or paper
5.6	Code of Conduct for members of governing bodies	Code of conduct for members of governing body	www.howcollege.ac.u <u>k</u>
5.7	Equality and Diversity policies, Equality Scheme	Equality and Diversity Action Plan Equality and Diversity Annual Report Gender Pay Report	www.howcollege.ac.u <u>k</u>
5.8	Health and Safety	Health and Safety Policy No Smoking Policy Search and Restraint Policy Risk Assessment Procedure Risk Rating Matrix Working at Height Procedure Fire Procedure First Aid Procedure Contractors Safety Handbook and Questionnaire PAT Procedure	On request – electronic or paper
5.9	Estate management	Environment Policy Property strategy and plan Tendering policies	On request – electronic or paper

		Disposal policy	
5.10	Complaints policies and procedures	FE Complaints Procedure HE Complaints Procedure	www.howcollege.ac. <u>k</u>
		Staff complaints procedure Complaints against the governing body Complaints about the freedom of information procedure (Publication scheme)	On request – electronic or paper
5.11	Records management and personal data policies, Fileplans	IT security policies Data retention and archive policy Access to information / publication scheme	On request – electronic or paper
		Data protection policy (GDPR) 2018 Subject Access Request Policy Privacy Notices	www.howcollege.ac. <u>k</u>
5.12	Charging regimes and policies	Tuition fees policy including information for home/EU students, information for international students and information on	www.howcollege.ac. k/about/legal/policies
		other charges HE Fee Policy Remission of Fee/Refund Request	
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provides information on the roles and responsibilities of the college, this class includes details

of the services which are provided by the college as a result of them. It will also relate to information covered in other classes. Examples of other services that could be included are listed below

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	lasses	Explanatory Notes	
7.1	Prospectus and	Course leaflets	www.howcollege.ac.u
	Course content,	Prospectus including term dates, course	<u>k</u>
	services for	structures, qualifications gained, changing	
	outside bodies	courses, work experience	
7.2	Health	Student handbook	On request –
	including	Staff induction materials	electronic or paper
	medical		
	services, and		
	welfare and		
	counselling		
	services		
7.3	Careers Advice	Student handbook	On request –
			electronic or paper
7.4	Funding, such	Student handbook	On request –
	as grants and		electronic or paper
	bursaries		
	available to		
	college		
	students		
7.4	Chaplaincy	Not Applicable	
	Services		
7.5	Services for	Tuition Fee Policy	www.howcollege.ac.u
	which the		<u>k</u>
	College is		-
	entitled to		
	recover a fee		
	(together with		
	those fees)		
7.6	Sports &	Student handbook	On request –
	recreational,		electronic or paper
	music, art and		
	other cultural		
	facilities		
7.7	Museums,	Library catalogues	www.howcollege.ac.u
	libraries,		k
	special		<u>~</u>
	collections and		
	archives		
7.8	Conference	Not Applicable	
-	facilities		
7.9	Advice and	Student handbook	On request –
	guidance		electronic or paper
7.11	Media releases	Press Releases	On request –
			electronic or paper
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APPENDIX 3:

Heart of Worcestershire College

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Information Access Request Form

Please read carefully the College Access to Information Policy / Publication Scheme BEFORE you complete this form. It explains in detail the nature of Freedom of Information Requests and tells you what is expected from you AND what you should expect from us.

Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 must be completed as fully as possible.

1. Personal Details of the Application

Title(Mr/N	/Irs/Miss/Ms)
First Name	Surname
Address	
	Postcode
Telephone	.Email
2. Details of the information required (continue on a separate sheet if necessary) (Please provide as much detail as possible. Be concise and clear to enable us to process your request promptly)	

3. Other Information

(Please give other details to identify or locate the information, your preferred format and number of copies etc)

4. Data Protection Notice – The personal details you have provided to Heart of Worcestershire College on this form will be used to process your request for information. These will also be used to keep a register of requests so we can monitor our responses. We will not disclose your details to any external third parties without your consent. Any personal data will be deleted within 2 years of a FOI request.

Signature..... Date

Important note – if the information you have asked for requires a fee, we will let you know on receipt of your request. If you choose to accept this fee charge, we will process your request upon receipt of payment.

Please send your completed request to:

Mr Stuart Laverick Principal Heart of Worcestershire College Osprey House Albert Street Redditch B97 4DE

Telephone: 01905 743472

Email: slaverick@howcollege.ac.uk