

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA290720-9368

26 August 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 29 July 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

I would like to FOI the following:

How many press officers does the GLA employ and what are their job titles?

What was the total cost for this in the 2019/20 year?

Please find below our response to your request:

There are currently 22 press officers employed at the GLA. These are employed in both the Assembly Secretariat and in the Mayor's Press Office.

Their job titles are:

External Communications Manager
External Communications Officer x 2
Senior Press Officer, Member Services
Research and Support Officer (Press)
Research and Support Officer (Online Communications)
Senior Press Co-ordination Officer
Head of Media
Deputy Head of Media
Senior Press Officer x 5
Press Officer x 8

The total approximate cost for press officers in the 2019/20 year was £ £1,574,000.

This figure is based on 23 Press Officers, as one of the posts is now vacant and has been since the start of the financial year at 1 April 2020). It is an approximate figure, as it is taken from the year-end financial reports, and because some of the above posts were not filled for the whole year.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA290720-9368.

Yours sincerely

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Information Governance Officer

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