



My Ref: FOI 5637
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

I would like to know information about the structure that is on loan from the Yorkshire sculpture park, that stands outside the Town Hall, referred to by the public as the “Rusty comb”

Please could you tell me;

- 1. What is the cost for the rental of the structure per year.**
- 2. What was the total cost of the installation of this structure to the council.**
- 3. What is the cost to insure the structure with public liability per year?**
- 4. What security measures have had to be put in place to ensure public safety? ie; any cctv monitoring in case a member of public decides to climb up the structure, or to capture /deter people from vandalising it ? And at what cost per year does it cost the council for these measures that have been put in place.**

1. Crossing (Vertical) by Nigel Hall, was first placed outside of Barnsley town hall in 2013 to coincide with the opening of the Experience Barnsley Museum. It is on loan from the Yorkshire Sculpture park and therefore has no annual rental cost.

2. The Crossing (Vertical) sculpture installation took place as part of a wider town centre improvement project in 2013. Due to it being part of a larger project, and the length of time that has elapsed since the project, it is not possible to identify the specific costs attributable to the installation of the sculpture.

3. Crossing (Vertical) is covered under Barnsley Council's Fine Arts policy (Exhibits in the Open) with the council's insurer, HDI. This is a blanket policy covering all the council's public art and relevant collections, so the premium is not broken down for each individual sculpture. This means we are unable to provide a specific cost for insuring Crossing Vertical in isolation.

4. Crossing (Vertical) is monitored by the wider town centre CCTV system. There are no specific security costs that are directly linked to the sculpture alone. Barnsley Council has introduced bylaws specifically covering the town hall square, including *Crossing (Vertical)*. These bylaws explicitly make it an offence to climb the sculpture and allows for fines of up to £500.

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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