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**From:** Ojoye, Bolanle  
**Sent:** 23 February 2011 15:29  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Kn ag, Daniel  
**Subject:** FOI Request: 02/11, 03/11  
**Dear** [REDACTED]

**Our Ref: 02/11, 03/11**

Thank you for both your requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You have requested information in regards to:

1. Management Information Systems in schools which have been procured by the Council.
2. Virtual Learning Environments in schools which have been procured by the Council.

The information you have requested is not held by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) and should be directed to the relevant Council for the area/schools in which you are concerned.

For your information the LGBCE is responsible for conducting reviews of local authority electoral arrangements. We also conduct reviews of the structure of local government, and the external boundaries of local authorities.

I hope this has been of assistance.

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 February 2011 14:03  
**To:** FOI@ (LGBCE)  
**Subject:** FOI: School MIS

Dear Sir or Madam,

I understand that Freedom of Information requests should be sent to this email address.

05/04/2011

Please would you reply to the following requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

[1] What Management Information System (MIS) that has been procured by the council for the current use in its schools? If it has changed in the two last years, please state the previous MIS.

[2] As defined in 1 above, when did the council first procure the current MIS?

[3] When did the council last go to tender for its school MIS?

[4] How many schools within the council remit use the MIS as defined in 1 above? Please give a breakdown in numbers in terms of secondary, primary, special, and whatever other categories there are that school fall into.

[5] As defined in 1 above, what is the annual cost of maintenance, service contracts and/or other usage charges (e.g. entitlement fees) made by the supplier(s) of the school MIS for financial years 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11 and forthcoming 2011/12? Please enumerate by supplier and MIS if more than one involved.

[6] As defined in 1 above, was there an initial up front licence and/or service charge to establish the MIS? If so please indicate the cost and the financial year in which it was made? Has the scope of the procured MIS changed since that initial charge (e.g. an additional module of service option was added in a later year)?

[7] As defined in 1 above, which MIS modules or service options were procured? Please enumerate the core modules/services as well as other optional modules/services which may be used in terms of secondary, primary, special, and whatever other categories there are that school fall into.

[8] Further to 7 above, are there modules or services that have been paid for but have not yet been deployed to schools? If so, what are those modules/services, how many schools are affected and what is the timetable for deployment?

[9] Is the council following the recommendations made in Becta's MIS Value For Money 2010 report regarding ensuring that they have a "de minimis" annual maintenance service from their MIS supplier(s)?

[10] Is the council preparing to go out to (re)tender for its school MIS? If so, in which year does it expect to place the OJEU advertisement?

[11] Is the council intending to extend the facilities or services of its existing MIS (e.g. parent portal, teacher home access to MIS facilities), and if so when does it expect to place the OJEU advertisement/VEAT (Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency) notice?

Yours faithfully



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 February 2011 10:52  
**To:** FOI@ (LGBCE)  
**Subject:** FOI: School Virtual Learning Environment

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please would you reply to the following requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please note that below I have asked a series of questions regarding software in schools known as Virtual Learning Environments (VLE), sometimes also known as student Learning Platforms (LP), Managed Learning Environments (MLE), or Virtual Learning Platforms (VLP). For the purposes of this request they are to be considered as one and the same, and I have used the abbreviation "VLE" in my questions.

[1] What is the council's purchasing policy for a VLE for its schools?

[2] Which VLE has been procured by the council for the current use in its schools? Please state if more than one and if it has changed in the last two years, state the name of the previous system(s).

[3] As defined in 2 above, when did the council first procure the current VLE?

[4] When did the council last go to tender for its VLE?

[5] How many schools within the council's remit use the VLE as defined in 2 above? Please give a breakdown in numbers in terms of secondary, primary, special, and whatever other categories there are that schools fall into.

[6] As defined in 2 above, what is the annual cost of maintenance, service contracts and/or other usage charges (e.g. entitlement fees, usage fees) made by the supplier(s) of the VLE for financial years 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11 and forthcoming 2011/12? Please enumerate by supplier and VLE if more than one involved.

[7] Does the Council host the VLE using its own computing services, or is it hosting part of the procured VLE service, or is the hosting subject to a separate procurement?

[8] As defined in 2 above, was there an initial up front licence and/or service charge to establish the VLE? If so please indicate the cost and the financial year in which it was made? Has the scope of the procured VLE changed since that initial charge (e.g. an additional service option was added in a later year)?

[9] As defined in 2 above, which VLE modules or service options were procured? Please enumerate each separate modules/services in terms of secondary, primary, special, and whatever other categories there are that schools fall into.

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[10] Further to 9 above, are there modules or services that have been paid for but have not yet been deployed to schools? If so, what are those modules/services, how many schools are affected and what is the timetable for deployment?

[11] Is the council preparing to go out to (re)tender for its VLE? If so, in which year does it expect to place the OJEU advertisement or does it expect the procurement to be under OJEU limits?

[12] Is the council intending to extend the facilities or services of its existing VLE (e.g. by purchasing a parent portal), and if so when does it expect to place the OJEU advertisement/VEAT (Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency) notice, or does it expect the procurement to be under OJEU limits?

Yours faithfully

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