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Subject: ICT and training

This request asked for information about the size of the SFO's ICT team and expenditure on training.

As at February 2015 the ICT department comprised nine staff.

The SFO has spent the following amounts in the last three financial years:

2013/14 - £120,121

2012/13 - £136,085

2011/12 - £191,284

Of this spend the top three suppliers were Capita, Guidance Software inc. and the College of Policing.

The training program is determined by the Training Board, which includes representatives from the various professional specialisms in the SFO. Delivery of the program is the responsibility of the Training Manager and is overseen by the Head of HR and Chair of Training Board. Investigator training is overseen by the Chief Investigator.

A new investigator training program was initiated by the SFO for 2014/15. This programme, together with other training, resulted in a substantially increased budget of £429,700 being allocated.
