

6th August 2013

I write following your FOI request dated 3.7.13 in which you request;

- *I would like a list of all the expenses claimed by the PCC or staff working for them since they were voted into the position. This includes what expense was claimed, where it was claimed, when it was claimed, how much was claimed and for what reason it was claimed.*
- *I would also like a list of transaction on credit cards made by the PCC or staff since the start of the job. This includes what expense was claimed, where it was claimed, when it was claimed, how much was claimed and for what reason it was claimed.*
- *I would also like to know if any accommodation has been provided for the PCC, whether this is permanent or temporary. This includes where the accommodation is, how much it costs to maintain/for the PCC to stay there, how long the PCC plans to stay there.*
- *Finally, I would like a list of people that have received payments from the PCC office. This includes contracted staff, non-contracted staff, consultants and other payments to individuals or groups.*

This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Regarding your request I can now inform you that I have completed my enquiries and that my reply on behalf of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland is as follows.

I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland does hold some of this information. I shall answer your questions in the order you submitted them.

Question:

I would like a list of all the expenses claimed by the PCC or staff working for them since they were voted into the position. This includes what expense was claimed, where it was claimed, when it was claimed, how much was claimed and for what reason it was claimed.

Response:

I am refusing the first part of your request under s21 of the FOIA as the information is reasonably accessible by other means i.e. it is on our website at <http://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk/Your-PCC/PCC-Expenses-and-Expenditure.aspx> . I am also refusing the second part of this request under s40 of the FOIA Personal information. Section 40(2) provides an exemption for information which is the personal data of a third party, in this instance the staff working for the PCC.

Question:

I would also like a list of transaction on credit cards made by the PCC or staff since the start of the job. This includes what expense was claimed, where it was claimed, when it was claimed, how much was claimed and for what reason it was claimed.

Response:

The Commissioner has not been provided with a credit card.

Question:

I would also like to know if any accommodation has been provided for the PCC, whether this is permanent or temporary. This includes where the accommodation is, how much it costs to maintain/for the PCC to stay there, how long the PPC plans to stay there.

Response:

The Commissioner has not been provided with any accommodation.

Question:

Finally, I would like a list of people that have received payments from the PCC office. This includes contracted staff, non-contracted staff, consultants and other payments to individuals or groups.

Response:

The PCC as the head of the whole organisation is responsible for every aspect of the business of the Office of the PCC and the Police Force, with the understanding that the Chief Constable has the responsibility for the day to day direction and control of the Force.

To that end I could consider exempting this part of your request under s40 Personal Information, s43 Commercial Interest and again s43 Public Sector Contracts. If I did exempt your request there is a duty placed upon me to assist you to try and find the information you seek.

In an effort to assist you to find the information I would be pleased if you would clarify this final element of your request and if you can break down this part of your request more specifically, I shall attempt to find the information you seek.

I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland has a complaints procedure. If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

Chief of Staff, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland
Police Headquarters, Ladgate Lane, Middlesbrough, TS8 9EH

or you can follow the complaints procedure found on our website at:

www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45 Website: www.ico.gov.uk

There is no charge for making an appeal.

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