

22 January 2013

I write following your FOI request dated 18.12.12 in which you request;

Dear Sir/Madam,

Can you pass this onto your FOI teams please?

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 18/12/2012**

*What annual budget does the police commissioner get for staff?*

*Has the police commissioner hired staff?*

*What have the staff been hired for?*

*What has the cost so far been for police commissioner staff since he was elected?*

*What are the salaries of those staff?*

*How much has it cost so far in 2012 to buy or rent offices for the police commissioner?*

*How much has been spent on office furniture and stationary for each police commissioner so far in 2012?*

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 this information.

My response is as follows.

*1. What annual budget does the police commissioner get for staff?*

The PCC inherited the budget from its predecessor body Cleveland Police Authority who set a budget for staff of £488k for 2012/13. The PCC will set his first budget for 2013/14 by the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

*2. Has the police commissioner hired staff?*

The PCC has hired a Chief of Staff to undertake the statutory role of Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer to replace the previous Chief Executive of the Police Authority.

*3. What have the staff been hired for?*

See above

*4. What has the cost so far been for police commissioner staff since he was elected?*

The staff costs for the Office of the PCC have been the same as they would have been under the Police Authority – The costs from the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2012 to the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013, including National Insurance and Pension contributions are £92k.

5. *What are the salaries of those staff?*

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner are only required to publish the salary's of those staff who's income is in excess of £58k. In our case this is the Chief of Staff at £90k and the Chief Finance Officer at £84k. Salary information of other staff below this level also relates to their personal financial circumstances and therefore release of this information could potentially breach the Data Protection Act and as such is not being given.

6. *How much has it cost so far in 2012 to buy or rent offices for the police commissioner?*

The Police Authority owned the estates where Cleveland Police HQ is located. The Police Authority office and its staff were located on this site. Upon the creation of the PCC they undertook a statutory transfer of all estates. Therefore there has not been any money spent on buying or renting offices.

7. *How much has been spent on office furniture and stationary for each police commissioner so far in 2012?*

Nothing.

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](http://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](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

There is no charge for making an appeal.

John Bage  
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland