

30<sup>th</sup> May 2013

I write following your FOI request dated 22.4.13 in which you request;

*Dear sir/madam*

*I request disclosure of information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.*

*I understand you have 20 working days in which to reply.*

*1.I request a break-down of every expense incurred by the police and crime commissioner since they took the post.*

*2.I request a break-down of every expense over the value of £50 incurred by the police and crime commissioner's office since its creation.*

*For each entry, I would like the total amount claimed and full details of the nature of and reasons for the claim*

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.

For question 1, the expenses of the Police and Crime Commissioner, I am refusing this element of your request under s21 of the FOI Act as this information is reasonably accessible to you by other means, namely the internet. Section 16 of the FOI Act informs that we must as a matter of duty provide advice and assistance to you to find such. In these circumstances I can inform you that the expenses of the Commissioner can be found at the following link;

<http://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk/Financial-Information/Financial-Information.aspx>

For question 2 and to answer your query specifically, on looking into this for you, it appears that it would fall out of the general time permitted to provide this information to you and an argument could be brought to consider refusing this element of your request. Therefore in order to assist you as fully as possible I am seeking a clarification from you regarding question 2. Can I ask for clarification for the following;

- In the above link answering question 1 it gives the PCC expenses and separately it gives the expenditure by his Office on him. Is this information sufficient for your needs?

or

- On the same link above it also offers the opportunity to examine all spending over £500 by the Office of the PCC (this will become live hopefully in the next few weeks). Is this information sufficient for your needs?

or

- Do you actually want every expenditure by this office of £50 or more?

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