

5th February 2015

I write following your FOI request dated 13th January 2015 in which you request;

Freedom of Information request - The Police and Crime Commissioner

Dear Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner,

I request the following information regarding the role of Police and Crime Commissioner.

- 1. Does the Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner undertake any other form paid or unpaid work or have any other financial or personal interests in any other business or organisation?*
- 2. How many hours per week does the Police and Crime Commissioner work each week, in his role as PCC ?*
- 3. How are the hours worked monitored?*
- 4. Finally prior to undertaking this role what evidence of interest in policing and criminal justice matters can the PCC provide? examples: Member of Neighbourhood watch panel etc.*

Yours faithfully,

Jon Rathmell

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 will respond in order.

1. This information is exempt by virtue of s21 of FOI Act, as this information is reasonably available by other means, namely it is already on the PCCs website. It can be found at <http://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk/Your-PCC/About-Your-PCC.aspx> However to assist you further the Commissioner confirms that he has no other paid employment, and that the Commissioner is his sole salaried role.
2. The FOIA is to provide requesters with recorded information that is held by public organisations (subject to any exemptions). If an organisation doesn't have that information recorded then it cannot be given to a requester.

For your question 2 there is 'no recorded information held'. But again in an attempt to assist you I can offer the following.

An estimate by the Commissioner is of approximately 50-60 hours per week. It should be taken into account the Commissioners day to day and out-of-hours commitments to meetings on evenings and weekends and that the Commissioner considers himself to be available at any reasonable time for undertaking the commitments of the role.

3. The Commissioner does not currently use a time-recording system. However his diary and time commitments are monitored as part of business as usual methods within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, such as the Commissioners weekly team meetings, meetings between the Commissioner and Chief of Staff, diary management meetings between the Commissioner and the PCC-Chief of Staff joint Support Officer, as well as the production and publication of a web diary for the Commissioner. Similarly if you go on the Commissioners website you can find details of the Commissioners diary, his Your Force Your Voice meetings and you can sign up to his monthly newsletter which also lists his upcoming meetings.
4. This is not strictly a request for recorded information under the Act but the Commissioner is happy to confirm (as per his profile at <http://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk/Your-PCC/About-Your-PCC.aspx>) his prior roles are set out there.

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:

Mr Len Miller
Solicitor
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.

John Bage
Office Manager