

19th October 2015

I write following your FOI request dated 29 September 2015 in which you request;

To whom it may concern,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with full answers to each of the following questions about office costs. I appreciate you will have been asked similar questions before but I am looking for specific figures on seconded officers.

1. *How many members of OPCC staff are there of March 2015, and what is the current annual salary cost?*
2. *How many people working in your office are seconded from the local police force, rather than being on the OPCC's books, and what is the cost of their salaries?*
3. *Please state the rank of these workers and what their seconded role is, ie sergeant working as staff officer.*

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 am refusing this request by virtue of s21 of the Act, as the information you require is easily accessible by other means, in this case it can be found on the Commissioner's website. Section 16 of the Act states it shall be the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable.

I can therefore inform you that the information you seek can be found at;

<http://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk/Image-Library/Organisational-Chart.png>

You will notice upon inspecting the web page that it is divided into three areas, staff carrying out the statutory functions of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), those contracted services who operate under a 'call off' arrangement and who carry out work as and when required and Corporate Services. As there are now two 'corporations sole's', the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable. Corporate Services provide a range of services across both Cleveland Police and the OPCC.

The annual salary cost of the OPCC is £480,000. The annual salary cost of Corporate Services is £161,200. Since the creation of the Office and Crime Commissioner's, the Commissioner has overseen savings of £350,000 compared to the previous office of the Police Authority.

For questions 2 & 3 the answers are:

2. None
3. Not applicable

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 Simon Dennis
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.