

23rd February 2016

I write following your FOI request dated 27th January 2016 in which you request:

1. *What estimate has been made of any real-terms reductions in the income received by the force from the Home Office in the following years - (a) 2016/17 (b) 2017/18 (c) 2018/19 (d) 2019/20. Please include in your response any documents setting out forward financial projections (redacted or in full).*
2. *What estimate has been made of any real-terms reductions in spending by the force in the following years - (a) 2015/16 (b) 2016/17 (c) 2017/18 (d) 2018/19 (e) 2019/20*
3. *What projections have been made of the impact on the force of any proposed reductions in the police grant formula allocation and can you outline any planned workforce reductions.*
4. *What estimate has been made of the cost to the force of (a) the apprenticeship levy and (b) the single tier pension?*
5. *Has the force spent any money obtaining ACORN 5 data from CACI limited since 14 July 2015? If so, how much?*
6. *What has been the total cost to the force to date of engaging in the Home Office consultation on reform of the police funding formula?*

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. My response in order is;

1. I am refusing this part of your request under s22 of FOIA, as the information you request is intended for future publication, namely this information will be posted in the Budget and Long Term Financial Plan on the Commissioner's website at the end of February 2016. However for clarity in this aspect of your request, the Force doesn't receive any funding from the Home Office.
2. Refused under s22 of FOIA.
3. We don't expect the police grant formula allocation to have any impact.
4. a) £400k b) £1,600k
5. No
6. Nil

Section 22 of the FOIA is a qualified exemption and as such I am required to carry out a public interest test. In carrying out a public interest test I need to consider a number of issues.

I consider that the exemption I am applying is engaged in this instance. To have an informed and involved public it helps to promote good decision making by public bodies, but those bodies may also need space and time in which to fully consider their decisions and outputs. To enable us to reach an impartial and appropriate decision, I have refused this request so that we have sufficient time to make the appropriate calculations and don't circulate documents that have not been thoroughly worked out and unchecked thus possibly misleading the public. The public interest would not be served if premature information was released at this stage.

I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland has a FOI 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.

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