

Durham Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner – Freedom of Information – 2019 Request Log

FOI Request Number	Date Received	Acknowledged	Information Requested	Action Taken
001/2019	02/01/2019	22/01/2019	<p>I have read through your consultation document regarding the pressures on police funding for next year.</p> <p>Before I respond, I wonder if you could answer a couple of queries.</p> <p>Firstly in the section on Durham Constabulary staffing, you make no mention of the Police and Crime Commissioner's office.</p> <p>I feel that it is important to know how many staff, besides yourself, are employed in the office. I note, for example, you recently took on a chief executive.</p> <p>If my reading of the statement of accounts for 2017/18 is correct it cost £623,000 to run your office in 2017/18.</p> <p>How much did it cost to run your office when the post of Police and Crime Commissioner was introduced in 2012?</p> <p>How much are you budgeting for your office in 2019/20 (I can't see any figure in your consultation document).</p>	<p>You are correct in the reading of the 2018 PCC Accounts, in that £623,000 was the cost to run the PCC Office in 2017/18. That figure included the costs of the PCC support team of 15 staff. The overall cost of the PCC Office was artificially low in the financial year 2017/18 because of a large one off income figure.</p> <p>In the financial year 2011/12, police governance was the responsibility of the Police Authority and the cost of supporting the Police Authority was £1.2million. The PCC took up office in November 2012, two thirds of the way through the financial year 2012/13 and in that transitional year the overall support costs to both the Police Authority and the PCC Office were £1.2million.</p> <p>Unfortunately, we are not in a position to share with you details of the PCC Office costs in 2019/20 because the overall funding position has not been finalised. When the precept has been confirmed, we will be in a position to share that information.</p>