

Durham Police and Crime Commissioner – Freedom of Information - 2015 Request Log

FOI Request Number	Date Received	Information Requested	Action Taken
1/2015	10.1.15	<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I wish to ask the following questions in relation to the calculation process of Police Injury On Duty Pension banding calculations. I ask this as there appears to be different ways of calculating this throughout the UK.</p> <p>a) Is a theoretical/notional earning figure (sometimes referred to as a Police Earnings Assessment Matrix **PEAM**) used in the calculation of Police Injury On Duty Pensions in Durham?</p> <p>b) Is this figure which is normally a monetary value utilised in a formula by the Selected Medical Practitioner to calculate a banding of the injury pension.</p> <p>c) If this PEAM figure is used, at what part of the process is it used? Is it used in the initial (first) part of the injury on duty pension assessment to use as one of the multipliers or is this used when a review of an IOD pension is taking place?</p> <p>I ask this as I am aware some Police Services throughout the UK use this theoretical earning figure at differing parts of the process of calculating IOD pension bandings, some use it during the very first part of the process at the very first IOD pension assessment and some only use it at the point of a review instigated by the IOD pensioner or by the Police Pension administrator.</p> <p>It is clear that not using this theoretical earning figure at the very first assessment will possibly result in a higher banding with solely the SMP disablement percentage used for the banding i.e. 25% (band 1), 44% (band 2), 75% (band 3) &amp; 90% (band 4).</p> <p>I ask, at which point do Durham Police IOD pension administrator use this theoretical earning figure and could an example of the formula or examples of the formulas be given. Is the theoretical figure used during the very first part of the IOD calculation or is it only used during a review process?</p> <p>Is the use of this theoretical earning figure in such calculations lawful and what law/legislation/ guidance is used. If it is lawful what law/legislation/guidance is followed?</p>	E mail response sent 4.3.15 explaining that ODPCC is not data holder of the information and suggesting contact be made with Durham Constabulary
2/2015	17.3.15	<p>Waste Management Tender Contract For the avoidance of doubt, could you please:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) see the attachment above and specifically confirm that this particular conviction was <u>self-declared</u> by the awardee (O'Brien's) themselves in their tender submission.</li> <li>2) specifically confirm that the Trans Frontier Shipment (TFS) of waste breaches of permit, as recorded and held by the Environment Agency, were also <u>self-declared</u> by the awardee (O'Brien's) themselves in their tender submission.</li> </ol> <p>The questions posed above are highly specific and therefore require specific answers, as depending on what the awardee (O'Brien's) officially declared on the tender submission (and not what intelligence the police may or may not have considered) goes to the actual validity of the award itself.</p>	<p>E mail response sent 17.3.15 explaining that ODPCC is not data holder of the information and suggesting contact be made with Durham Constabulary.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">RE Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request 071 15 - Tender NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED .msg</p>
03/2015	02.3.15	My enquiry is;	Responded to on 23.03.15

		<p>1. How many staff are employed in the Police and Crime Commissioner's office?                  2. What are their respective job titles?                  3. What are their individual salaries including that of the commissioner?</p>	<p>The job titles and salary costs for permanent members of staff in the ODPCC are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Police and Crime Commissioner £70,000</li> <li>b. Chief of Staff £70,000</li> <li>c. Chief Finance Officer - services via a service level agreement with the Chief Constable</li> <li>d. Business Manager £42,069</li> <li>e. Office Manager £23,799-£26,394</li> <li>f. Strategic Priorities and Accountability £30,633-£33,033</li> <li>g. Media and Communications Officer £30,633-£33,033</li> </ul> <p><b>Secondees, Interns and Apprentices</b>                  2 Secondees                  2 Modern Apprentices (NMW) – 1 year contracts                  2 Graduate Interns – 1 year contracts</p>
04/2015	16.3.15	<p>Dear Freedom of Information Officer,</p> <p>The issue of police budget cuts is a concern to many people, and I'm trying to gather information on this issue.</p> <p>As part of this, I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for copies of correspondence (including letters, emails, faxes and similar) between the Police and Crime Commissioner's office and the Home Office in the last six months (from October 1, 2014 onwards) that make reference to concerns about police budget cuts.</p> <p>If my request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act.</p> <p>Please let me know you have received this. If there are any problems, or you need more information, please get in touch.</p>	<p>Responded to on 14.03.15</p> <p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>Please see attached correspondence which was sent from the Police and Crime Commissioner to the Home Office on 6 October 2014.</p> <p>This is the only letter that was sent from this office.</p> <p>                  RE FOI Request -                  Correspondence on p</p>
05/2015	26.3.15	<p>Dear Sir Or Madam,</p> <p>I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:</p> <p>A list of FOIA Requests considered "Vexatious" that resulted in you not providing information.</p> <p>Vexatious includes requests that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> clearly does not have any serious purpose or value</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is designed to cause disruption or annoyance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> has the effect of harassing the public authority</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> can otherwise fairly be characterised as obsessive or manifestly unreasonable.</li> </ul> <p>Example;                  "Please provide a list of all cars owned that are blue"                  If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding</p>	<p>Responded to on 22.4.15</p> <p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>I can confirm that the ODPCC have no "vexatious" requests in the last year.</p>

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		<p>the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under your Section 16 obligations, as to how I can refine my request to be included in the scope of the Act.</p> <p>In any case, if you can identify ways that my request could be refined please provide further advice and assistance to indicate this.</p>	
06/2015	23.4.15	<p>Dear Fol officer,</p> <p>I am writing to seek information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p> <p>Regarding foreign trips undertaken by the PCC for business purposes, please can you tell me:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many such trips the PCC has undertaken since being elected in 2012</li> <li>2. The countries visited</li> <li>3. For each country visited, a brief description of the purpose of the visit (e.g. to attend a conference)</li> <li>4. A figure for the <b>total</b> amount claimed in expenses (e.g. airline tickets, accommodation, subsistence, other transport etc) for all foreign business trips undertaken since November 2012.</li> </ol> <p>Please confirm receipt of this request and provide this information in electronic form within the required 20 working day maximum deadline for Fol responses.</p> <p>Many thanks!</p>	<p>I can confirm that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Durham has not undertaken any trips for business travel since his election.</p> <p>Regards,</p>
07/2015	08.05.15	<p>Dear Fol officer,</p> <p>I am writing to seek information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p> <p>Please can you tell me whether the PCC, or any employee of the PCC's office, has been charged with any criminal offence since 1 January 2014, and if so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The name of the individual concerned.</li> <li>2. The date set for their first appearance in court.</li> <li>3. What they were charged with.</li> </ol> <p>Please confirm receipt of this request and provide this information in electronic form within the required 20 working day maximum deadline for Fol responses.</p>	<p>Email response sent on 27.05.15 (following advice from force)</p> <p>I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.</p> <p><b><u>Any release under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is a disclosure to the world, not just to the individual making the request.</u></b></p> <p>Your request has now been considered and I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested under Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Such information, if it were held, is exempt under Section 40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption applies because the right given under the Act to request official information held by public authorities does not apply to personal data.</p> <p>Section 40 is a class based absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the public interest in this case.</p> <p>Please note that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner can neither confirm nor deny that it holds information by virtue of Section 40(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p>

			<p>In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice under Section 17(4) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for this particular request.</p> <p>No inference should be taken from this refusal that the information does or does not exist.</p>
08/2015	10.06.15	<p><b>1) Do you require contractors to pay the living wage* whenever a new contract or contract renewal is signed?</b></p> <p><b>Yes / No</b></p> <p><b>2) If you do not require contractors to pay the living wage at the current time, do you have an aspiration to establish such arrangements in the near future (within the next two years)?</b></p> <p><b>Yes / No / Not Applicable</b></p> <p><b>3) Please state the name of the employer below:</b></p> <p><b>4) If you have any further comments on answers to these living wage questions, please state below:</b></p>	<p><b>Do you require contractors to pay the living wage* whenever a new contract or contract renewal is signed?</b></p> <p>Yes. We are currently updating our procurement documents and they will include the below, this is only part of the wording we currently have</p> <p>It is also a requirement that all Contractors that supply services to the organisation that they shall adopt the same measures in respect of those employees who will work on any contract for the ODPCC/CCDC.</p> <p>Questions for tender documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bidders are required to confirm they are compliant with this request</li> <li>2. Please confirm that although you provide external services to others, all types of staff that maintain your core business e.g. your head office are also paid the living wage as part of this agreement</li> <li>3. Please confirm that you commit to submitting a living wage quote alongside a market rate quote as part of your proposal for this tender</li> </ol> <p>As part of this tender exercise and in support of the Living Wage and to further best practice in the industry we stress that at this point the bidding organisation has the choice to implement the Living Wage at the point of tender.</p>
09/2015	03.07.2015	<p>Dear Durham Police and Crime Commissioner, I would be grateful if you could supply the statistics regarding speeding, driving without care &amp; attention, reckless driving &amp; dangerous driving for offenses committed in 2014 on the A1086 between Peterlee &amp; Hartlepool.</p>	<p>Acknowledgement sent – request to send to Durham Constabulary FOI Team (16.7.15)</p>
10/2015	03.07.2015	<p> RCEW &amp; TST FOI Request.docx</p>	<p>Acknowledgement sent – request to send to Durham Constabulary FOI Team (16.7.15)</p>
11/2015	03.07.2015	<p>Good Morning</p>	<p>Responded as we do not hold this information.</p>

		<p>Under the FOI Act can you please provide the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many Special Constables were registered with your Force as at 01.06.15 ?</li> <li>2. What was the attrition rate for your Special Constabulary for the last reported 12 months (please define if any left to join the regulars) ?</li> <li>3. What was the total number of hours worked by your Special Constables for the last reported 12 month period ?</li> <li>4. How many of your Special Constabulary currently have Independent Patrol Status (as defined by the Home Office)?</li> <li>5. Please list each different role description of your Special Constabulary officers and the Department that they work in?</li> <li>6. Please describe any plans to increase the number of Special Constables and/or roles to be undertaken in the future?</li> </ol> <p>Can you please provide me with a reference number for this FOI request ?</p> <p>If your PCC office does not hold this information can you please provide a negative response ?</p>											
12/2015	30.09.2015	<p>I appreciate you will have been asked similar questions before but I am looking for specific figures on seconded officers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many members of OPCC staff are there of March 2015, and what is the current annual salary cost?</li> <li>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?</li> <li>3. Please state the rank of these workers and what their seconded role is, ie sergeant working as staff officer.</li> </ol>	<p>1. There were 9 FTE members of staff in post as of march 2015, excluding vacancies at that time. Please be more specific about what you mean by current annual salary cost.</p> <p>2. There is one person on secondment from the police force. They are paid at the rate of a police inspector. The salary range for police inspector is</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>oa</td> <td>480201</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>49566</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>50925</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>52290</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>52590</td> </tr> </table> <p>3. The person holds the rank of Inspector and is seconded as a Policy &amp; Development Staff Officer.</p>	oa	480201	1	49566	2	50925	3	52290	4	52590
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13/2015	12.10.2015	<p>Can you please tell me how many complaints were made to your police force about crimes committed onboard a cruise ship so far this year?</p> <p>I appreciate those complaints might not have been investigated by your force, but I am keen to get an idea of how many complaints you received.</p> <p>Is it possible to break down how many related to - Assault Theft Sexual crime Other.</p>	<p>Response: This is not something the PCC office have records of.</p> <p>Do you want me to forward this to the Professional Standards team at Police HQ or have you got a separate request for this?</p>										

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14/2015	11.11.2015	<p>For the period 2013-15, could you please provide a breakdown of the total number of hours per annum, police officers spend supporting investigations and prosecutions under the Animal Welfare Act? Specifically:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attending RSPCA interviews</li> <li>2. Attending premises with RSPCA personnel prior to animal seizure</li> <li>3. Attending premises with RSPCA personnel to effect seizure</li> <li>4. Writing statements for use in Magistrates' Court</li> <li>5. Attending Magistrates' Court</li> <li>6. Attending Crown or High Court in cases of Appeal</li> </ol>	Acknowledged and response : I do not hold this information may I forward this request to the team at Durham Police?
15/2015	19.11.2015	<p>18/11/2015 Dear Durham Police and Crime Commissioner, Please could you provide the following information regarding your ERP / Finance system:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What ERP (Enterprise Resource Management) or Finance system is currently used at the police force?</li> <li>2. When does your contract expire?</li> <li>3. Do you have any planned upgrades of the software? If so, when?</li> <li>4. Are you planning to go to market for a different ERP/ Finance system? If so, when?</li> <li>5. How many users / licenses of the system do you have at the police force?</li> <li>6. Who is the person responsible for your ERP / Finance system? Please provide full name, title and contact information if possible.</li> </ol> <p>Please use this email address for all replies to this request: <a href="mailto:request-303283-f25dfb85@whatdotheyknow.com">request-303283-f25dfb85@whatdotheyknow.com</a></p>	Acknowledged and response: We do not hold the information you have requested. Will you contact the force FOI Team to get the data?
16/2015	23.11.2015	<p>I am a journalist writing a story for <a href="http://sr-news.com">sr-news.com</a> on missing sex offenders. Having sent Freedom of Information requests to Cleveland, Northumbria and Durham police forces, Durham was the only police force to give the full details and last known location of a missing sex offender.</p> <p>The other police forces would not release the information due to Section 31(1)(a)(b) Law Enforcement and Section 40 (2).</p> <p>Could you please provide an explanation as to why Durham police believed this information should be released? Do you believe it is in the public interest to release this information</p>	Acknowledgement sent and informed that we do not hold this information. Do you want this request forwarding to Durham Constabulary?
17/2015	29.11.15	Request re: Chief Constable – Complete verifiable listing of the total	Acknowledgement and response: We have received your FOI

		remuneration package to include “everything” that the contract of employment mentions as well as all/any other perks not mentioned in said contract, pension credits etc. shall also be stated in full naturally, housing, vehicles etc. are to be included. Copy of ACPO car scheme	Request today (2/12/2015) and can confirm that we do not hold that information here in the Office of the Durham Police and Crime Commissioner.
18/2015	02.12.2015	<p>This request appears to have gone to the PCC's but they are unlikely to hold the information, therefore it can be transferred to the Police forces, with the consent of the applicant</p> <p>Log Number:1829/15</p> <p><b>1. Are you aware that the practice of breast ironing is occurring in your jurisdiction?</b></p> <p><b>2. Do you have a record of incidents of breast ironing that have come to your attention?</b></p> <p><b>3. If so, how many incidents have you recorded in each of the years between 2010 and 2015?</b></p> <p><b>4. How many convictions for abuse have you had in your area where breast ironing has been part of or been the root of the abuse in each year between 2010 and 2015?</b></p> <p><b>1. Do you feel you have the right guidance to equip your team to be able to identify the warning signs that breast ironing is occurring?</b></p> <p><b>2. Would you welcome more guidance?</b></p> <p><b>3. If you have any other feedback or information on this topic, I would be really grateful to receive it. Feel free to detail overleaf.</b></p>	Acknowledged receipt of this request and permission granted to pass onto the FOI team
19/2015	18/12/2015	<p>I'm doing some research on Police Crime Commissioners. Could you please answer the following questions as soon as you can?</p> <p>All of the information required is public.</p> <p>1. Do you have a deputy/deputies PCC? <b>NO</b></p> <p>2. If you do have a deputy/deputies, do they have any other paid work? If so what work? <b>N/A</b></p> <p>3. What is the PCC's salary? <b>£70,000</b></p> <p>4. What is the total office annual wage bill? <b>£497,00</b></p> <p>5. How many FTE staff?</p>	Acknowledged receipt of this request and answered where possible – Annual wage bill for 2016/17 is an estimate based on current staffing and includes national insurance and pension on costs.

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