

Our Ref: oPCC FOI 1158

Date: 11 April 2017

Dear

**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 1158**

**REQUEST**

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please send me:

- The force's expenditure on legally qualified chairmen for disciplinary hearings in 2015/16.
- The force's expenditure on legally qualified chairmen for disciplinary hearings in 2016/17.

I would like the above information to be provided to me as an electronic copy.

If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary.

If the release of any of this information is prohibited on the grounds of breach of confidence, I ask that you supply me with copies of the confidentiality agreement and remind you that information should not be treated as confidential if such an agreement has not been signed.

I understand that you are required to respond to my request within the 20 working days after you receive this letter. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request.

I look forward to hearing from you.

**RESPONSE**

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides two distinct but related rights of access to information, which impose corresponding duties on public authorities. These are:

- Section 1(1)(a) the duty to inform the applicant whether or not information is held by the authority, and, if so,
- Section 1(1)(b) the duty to communicate that information to the applicant.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner does hold some information relating to your request.



In respect of the information concerning 2015/16, Police forces were responsible for the appointment of Chairs of the Police Misconduct Panels and as such, you would need to approach South Yorkshire Police for that information. Therefore, the response will be one of 'no information held'.

However, in relation to information concerning 2016/17 (up to the date of the request for information) the information is as follows:

Total: £16,621

I have provided a link (below) with further information:-

<http://www.southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/Get-Involved/Police-Misconduct-Panels-Legally-Qualified-Chairs-LQC.aspx>

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request an internal review by emailing this office.

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 306060 or 01625 545745  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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