

Freedom of Information
Quarterly Disclosure Log

1 January 2023 to 31 March 2023



NORTHUMBRIA
**POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER**

Ref No	Request	Response
2/23	<p>How much your current and previous Commissioners claimed in expenses over their respective tenures in each of the past three calendar years: 2022, 2021 and 2020.</p> <p>1. The total cost of running your office (including staff salaries) for each of the past three calendar years: 2022, 2021 and 2020.</p> <p>2. The number of staff, in FTE, employed by your office for each of the past three calendar years: 2022, 2021 and 2020.</p>	<p>Current PCC expenses: https://northumbria-pcc.gov.uk/transparency/expenses-and-interests/</p> <p>Previous PCC expenses: https://archive.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk/transparency/expenses-interests/previous-senior-staff/dame-vera-baird-gc/</p> <p>No information held - this information is not recorded in a calendar year format. However, we are able to provide links to financial year data: https://northumbria-pcc.gov.uk/transparency/finance/accounts/</p> <p>Organisational chart: https://northumbria-pcc.gov.uk/v3/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/OPCC-Staff-Structure-October-2022-002.pdf</p>
3/23	<p>How many items of correspondence addressed to you are received by your office each quarter.</p> <p>How many items of correspondence addressed to you do you personally respond to each quarter?</p> <p>How many items of correspondence do your staff respond to each quarter?</p>	<p>Some of the information requested is not held electronically, not in an easily retrievable format as we do not hold a general record of all mail/emails/phone calls received no matter who addressed to, nor the number responded to nor by whom. In regards to emails alone, each member of staffs emails, section mailboxes and sent emails would require a manual review to in order to locate, extract and collate the specific information requested. Additionally it would involve the retrieval of deleted emails from servers in an attempt to locate emails that fit the parameters of your request. It has been estimated</p>

that this exercise would take far in excess of 18 hours, therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act would apply. This section does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimated that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours, equating to £450.00. Additional time would then be required for postal communications etc.

You should consider this to be a refusal notice under Section 17 of the Act for your request.

When applying Section 12 exemption our duty to assist under Section 16 of the Act would normally entail that we contact you to determine whether it is possible to refine the scope of your request to bring it within the cost limits. However, from the information we have outlined above I see no reasonable way in which we can do so.

However, outside of the Act we can advise that we do have a record of complaints that we refer to Northumbria Police, and if this was something which you were interested in then you may wish to refine and resubmit your request. However, this would not provide you with a full picture of the information which you seek. We do also keep a post book, however this is in relation to letters received by post only and does not recorded to whom they were addressed, nor who provided a response, again this would not provide the information which you seek.

To provide further context all correspondence that is addressed to the Commissioner, if posted and delivered successfully, is received by her office as are all emails addressed to the commissioner and sent to enquiries email account. Like all Police and Crime Commissioner's offices, Northumbria has a small team that supports the Commissioner in dealing with queries and complaints, whether they are received by email, post or telephone – this includes responding to correspondence. Staff members have the Commissioner's authority to deal with correspondence to ensure a quick and efficient service. The Commissioner is made aware of issues that are raised

		with her office. Appropriate action, in line with IOPC guidelines and statutory guidance are always adhered to when dealing with complaints.
4/23	60 new trainee officers. What I would like to know is how this number balances those retiring and leaving? In other words what is the overall gain in officers available?	The OPCC does not such data the type of which you are requesting. However, we suggest that your request may be better placed being directed to Northumbria Police and they will be able to advise you if they hold this information or not.
6/23	<p>Could you please send me the below details or your current Blue light fleet (inc Motorbikes) for market research-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Model Year -The Vehicle Make & Model -Type of Vehicle (Example-Saloon, Wagon etc) -The Role of the Vehicle (Including Armed Response Unit) -The Year the Vehicle was Commissioned <p>We have now had the opportunity to fully consider your request and I provide a response for your attention.</p>	The OPCC does not such data the type of which you are requesting. Normally we would suggest that your request may be better placed being directed to Northumbria Police and they will be able to advise you if they hold this information or not. However, we understand that you have already submitted an identical request to Northumbria Police and that they will provide you with a response in due course.