

Our Ref: FOI 1372

26 April 2022

Dear

Freedom of Information Request – Reference FOI 1372

I refer to your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on 26 March 2022.

Set out below is the request you have raised and our response to it.

REQUEST

After viewing several public properties known as police stations in the South Yorkshire Constabulary area, it is noticeable that significant dereliction has been allowed to generate a safety risk to occupant's and visitors. It is clear that the occupants do not take these risks seriously.

Therefore, under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I seek data relating to the cost of upkeep, maintenance and safety of the fabric and surroundings of the South Yorkshire Police estate for the most recent complete financial year, Additionally I would like to know the identity of the person responsible for the quality management of the estate works.

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.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the OPCC, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt), to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which:

- a. states that fact,
- b. specifies the exemption in question and
- c. states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies).

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To respond to your request, I approached the Chief Finance Officer who has informed me that most of the information requested is available on the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) website and South Yorkshire Police's website in the Statement of Accounts. Therefore, Section 21 – 'Information reasonably accessible by other means' is engaged.

However, to assist you in your request, the following information has been provided.

<https://southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/openness/finance/statement-of-accounts/>

<https://www.southyorks.police.uk/about-us/our-standards/what-we-spend-and-how-we-spend-it/>

The statement of accounts shows what has been spent in terms of overall estates capital separately, but they do not contain a detailed breakdown of revenue costs which will include some maintenance costs. The segmental analysis (note 6) shows the amount spent through revenue on facilities management, but that will include staff costs and everything else.

If you require a more detailed breakdown you will need to submit a Freedom of Information request to South Yorkshire Police who hold this information. Information on how to make a Freedom of Information request to South Yorkshire Police can be found on their website at <https://www.southyorks.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/>

The person responsible for the quality management of the estate works is South Yorkshire Police's Head of Estates and Facilities Management, Louise Murray.

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,
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