

Our Ref: FOI 0023

5 December 2022

Dear

**Freedom of Information Request – Reference FOI 0023**

I refer to your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on the 7, 8 and 9 November 2022.

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

**REQUEST**

*7 November 2022:*

*Please disclose the total cost of running misconduct hearings from the earliest date in 2021 to the latest date available in 2022, depending on when your last report was ran. Please include independent chair costs, any external legal costs and hearing venues if you used third party buildings rather than your own, or Police buildings. I have made separate FOI to the Force for their costs that you don't hold.*

*8 November 2022:*

*To provide further clarity can you go from January 2021, or the earliest start date you have available on your reporting, and end date being the most recent month your reporting goes to in 2022.*

*In regards to the costings, all the costs involved by the Force directly. E.g, Police staff or officers attending the hearings, wages paid to officers suspended during the misconduct cases, buildings rented to host the hearing if you don't use your own buildings. So the cost to the Force and not the PCC.*

*9 November 2022:*

*If the costings are PCC please let me know as some costings will be held by either PCC or force. Please reply via letter.*

**RESPONSE**

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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.

As per my email to you of 23 November 2022. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) does hold information related to your request. The OPCC holds costs for the Independent Chairs and Independent Members.

*Between the 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021:*

- £15,877.79 (VAT inclusive) has been paid to LQCs for payment for their role as an LQC at police misconduct hearing, and
- £ 3,619.14 has been paid to Independent Members for payment for their role as an Independent at police misconduct hearing.

*Between 1 January 2022 and 7 November 2022:*

- £20,544.60 (VAT exclusive) has been paid to LQCs for payment for their role as an LQC at police misconduct hearing, and
- £ 4,203.79 has been paid to Independent Members for payment for their role as an Independent at police misconduct hearing.

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  
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Yours sincerely

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