

Our Ref: FOI 0025

25 January 2023

Dear

Freedom of Information Request – Reference FOI 0025

I refer to your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on 17 November 2022.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in sending you our response.

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

REQUEST

With regard to the Public Accountability Board (PAB) meetings during 2022, I would like to know:

- 1. Details of all work done by the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) office to advertise or publicise the meetings to the wider public (not including live tweeting during the meeting itself).*
- 2. Details of all press releases sent out to media, to encourage the public to engage by explaining what the PAB attending the meetings and asking questions.*
- 3. Details of all efforts made to engage directly with community, voluntary or religious groups to encourage attendance at PAB meetings.*
- 4. Details of languages other than English (including braille and British Sign Language) are used to promote PAB meetings to all South Yorkshire's diverse communities.*
- 5. The number of members of the public in attendance at each of the meetings*

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 (OPCC) does hold information in relation to your request.

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1. Details of all work done by the PCC's office to advertise or publicise the meetings to the wider public (not including live tweeting during the meeting itself).

Information about the meetings and links to the livestream on the PCC's You Tube Channel have been shared on the PCC's Twitter feed. Over the last 12 months these tweets have been posted on the following dates:

*12 December 2022
7 November 2022
14 October 2022
11 August 2022
11 July 2022
13 June 2022
12 May 2022
11 April 2022
9 March 2022
7 February 2022
10 January 2022*

Details of all the meetings and how to access them, as well as recordings of previous meetings are accessible via the PCC's website: <https://southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/openness/public-accountability-board-meetings/>

2. Details of all press releases sent out to media, to encourage the public to engage by explaining what the PAB attending the meetings and asking questions.

There were no press releases of this nature sent out in 2022.

3. Details of all efforts made to engage directly with community, voluntary or religious groups to encourage attendance at PAB meetings.

The PCC attends a number of public meetings and events each week. At these events, he talks about how he holds South Yorkshire Police to account and how the public can either attend in person or view the Public Accountability Board meetings online via our You Tube channel. They are directed to the website where details of the meetings and how to access them are available:

<https://southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/openness/public-accountability-board-meetings/>

Throughout the year, the PCC also refers to the Public Accountability Board at livestreamed Police and Crime Panel meetings and other meetings and he routinely hands out his Police and Crime Plan (and this is distributed hard copy and

*electronically by the OPCC's Community Engagement & Communications Team).
The Plan includes a section on the Public Accountability Board.*

4. Details of languages other than English (including braille and British Sign Language) are used to promote PAB meetings to all South Yorkshire's diverse communities.

No other languages other than English (including braille and British Sign Language) have been used to promote PAB meetings.

5. The number of members of the public in attendance at each of the meetings are as follows:

Month	Number of members of the public in attendance
<i>January</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>No meeting held</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>0</i>

This includes members of the public, press and local councillors.

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,
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Yours sincerely

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