

Our Ref: FOI 1374

26 July 2022

Dear

**Freedom of Information Request – Reference FOI 1379**

I refer to your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on 1 April 2022.

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

**REQUEST**

*I would like to know how much tax-payers money (including time) has been spent on the No More Stand With Us campaign.*

*I would also like all references to these so-called statistics that are being touted as 100% true. Which I would instantly bet are not.*

**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).

I would like to know how much tax-payers money (including time) has been spent on the No More Stand With Us campaign.

*To respond to your request, I approached the Partnerships and Commissioning Team who has informed me that as at 31 March 2022 (the last Home Office return) a total of £73,510.20 had been spent.*

*The funding for this campaign came from a successful bid submitted by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) under round four of the Safer Street Fund. The aims of the fund are to:*

- reduce neighbourhood crime: domestic burglary, robbery, theft from person, vehicle crime*
- reduce anti-social behaviour*
- reduce VAWG in public spaces (including the night-time economy)*
- increase feelings of safety from VAWG and ASB in public places*
- a combination of the above*

*Further information on the Safer Streets Fund round four can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safer-streets-fund-round-4-application-process#:~:text=The%20main%20aims%20of%20the,incluing%20the%20night%2Dtime%20economy>*

*No information is held in relation to the time spent on the campaign.*

I would also like all references to these so-called statistics that are being touted as 100% true. Which I would instantly bet are not.

*To respond to this part of your request I have made enquiries with our Engagement and Communications Manager, who has informed me that South Yorkshire Police have coordinated this campaign and not the OPCC. Therefore, there is no information held.*

*However, I have made enquiries with South Yorkshire Police, and I have been informed that the source of the data is <https://www.openaccessgovernment.org/97-of-women-in-the-uk/105940/>*

*South Yorkshire Police also ask the agency to correct the wording to read '97% of all women aged 18 to 24' as it did say '97% of all women'.*

*South Yorkshire Police have also allocated a further £5,000 to the fund for advertising around Tramlines and Freshers Week.*



*If you require any further information from South Yorkshire Police, you will need to make a Freedom of Information request to South Yorkshire Police directly. Information on how to do this can be found on their website at <https://www.southyorks.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/>*

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)

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