

FOI Request F66 -Respos to Requester

Request

I'm a producer with Channel 4 News. I'm currently carrying out some research into the role of police and crime commissioners. At the launch of the role almost two years ago it was suggested it would offer a more 'open and accountable' solution. In that spirit I hope you'll be able to answer the following questions. What salary is the Police and Crime Commissioner on? What salary is the Chief Executive, if you have one, on? How many staff, including part time workers and assistants, do you employ? What is the overall annual budget?

Response

I am treating your request of 14th October 2014 as a Freedom of Information request. The information you have requested is on our website at www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk in particular in the **Transparency** section.

We publish our budget reports in the **Publications** section and I urge you to read the latest report for a more detailed understanding of what makes up the budget. However, in the interests of clarity, I have set out the answers below:

What salary is the Police and Crime Commissioner on? £75,000 per year, as set by the Home Secretary.

What salary is the Chief Executive, if you have one, on? £91,636

How many staff, including part time workers and assistants, do you employ? 15, including the Deputy PCC plus a staff officer seconded from the police force

What is the overall annual budget? (I assume that you refer to the annual budget for the PCC's office, and not the entire police force budget). The annual budget this year is £3.49m but £2.0m relates to the Commissioners grant scheme. The budget for running the office of the PCC is £1.49m.

Explanatory notes

For 2013/14 our budget for running the OPCC was £1.89m but the Commissioner also had his £2.0m grant scheme which was funded through a combination of £0.99m of government grant and reserves. We did not receive the government grant in 2014/15 but the Commissioner chose to maintain the level of funding to his grant scheme and this has been funded from base budget hence the increase.

Regards

OPCC

Complaints

If you think that the Police and Crime Commissioner has failed to supply information in accordance with the publication scheme, then you should write in the first instance, to the:

Chief Executive, OPCC – West Mercia, PO Box 487, Shrewsbury, SY2 6WB

The PCC will aim to deal with your complaint within 10 working days. If you are dissatisfied with the response you can ask for the matter to be internally reviewed. Internal reviews will be completed promptly and a response given to you within 20 working days of your further request.

If, after the internal review, you remain dissatisfied, then you can complain to the Information Commissioner (Office of the Information Commissioner), Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF).