

FOI Reference 251

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) individuals have a right to be informed about whether information is held by a public authority and a right to receive that information. The Act applies to recorded information and the responses below relate to recorded information which is held by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Where an exemption applies section 17 of the Act requires the public authority to specify the exemption and state why it applies. An exemption applies to the request in Q2 and further information is provided below.

In response to your request I can provide the following:

1. Annual cost of running the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) Headquarters and why it is not co-located within the West Yorkshire Police Headquarters.

Information relating to the budgets and estates strategy for the PCC and West Yorkshire Police is published on the PCC's website.

A summary of the budget for the premises costs associated with the PCC's office is included on the link below:

https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/media/125112/appendix_a.pdf

Ploughland House is one of a number of buildings in the police estate and further details are published on the PCC's website, see below.

<https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/our-business/finance/premises.aspx>

2. The exact number of Police Officers, PCSO's and Civilian Support Officers lost since June 2010, please list separately.

An exemption applies to this request under S21 of the Act because this information is reasonably accessible by other means. This exemption is absolute and does not require a public interest test.

This information is available from the Home Office who publish annual information about police workforce numbers, a link to this is given below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/police-workforce-england-and-wales>

3. Up to date information on the following.
 - a. Number of prosecutions or cautions action taken against Sex Workers since the introduction of the special 4 officer team for the Managed Approach.
 - b. Number of prosecutions or caution given to Kerb Crawlers since the introduction of the special 4 officer team for the Managed Approach.

The information requested in 3(a) and 3(b) is not held by this office. You may find that West Yorkshire Police may be able to assist you. (Details below*).

- c. What part of the police budget finances the welfare of the sex workers?

The information requested is not held by this office. You may find that West Yorkshire Police may be able to assist you. (Details below*).

- d. What part of the police budget is used to allocate Charitable Contributions, e.g. the £40,000 donation to the appeal fund set up following the bridge collapses due to flooding?

The expenditure referred to was paid from the Police Property Act Fund which is made up of monies received by the police from the sale of found property and from property confiscated by order of Court and then sold. Funds can be used to support local projects and charitable organisations that solely benefit West Yorkshire's communities.

*A request under the Freedom of Information Act can also be made of West Yorkshire Police via the link below:

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/advice/our-services/information-requests/requesting-information/freedom-information>