



Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

1. I should like to be informed of the numbers of staff employed in the office of PCC, and what this office costs to run per annum.
2. I should also like to know how the salary of the Police & Crime Commissioner has changed on a per annum basis.

Response

I write further to your request for information which I am treating as a request made under the Freedom of Information Act. I set out responses below on behalf of the OPCC.

1. I can confirm that we hold information on the 'numbers of staff employed in the office of the PCC' and 'annual running costs of the OPCC'. However, the information requested is exempt from formal disclosure per Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the information is reasonably accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain. The information is readily available on the PCC website at:

Staffing numbers

<https://thamesvalley.s3.amazonaws.com/Documents/About%20us/Staff%20Structure%20&%20OPCC%20Functional%20Responsibilities%20April%202018.pdf>

In summary, for 2018/19, the approved staffing establishment of the Office of the PCC comprises 26.4 full-time equivalent posts (including 8 f.t.e. new posts to manage the provision of victims' services, a function that was externally provided up to 31 March 2018), in addition to the PCC and part-time (0.6 f.t.e.) Deputy PCC.

Annual office running costs

<https://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/information-hub/what-we-spend-and-how-we-spend-it/budget/>

You will then need to select the relevant year.

Summary, for 2018/19, the approved annual running costs budget for the Office of the PCC amounts to £1,441,438 (excluding externally provided 'Commissioned Services' costs of £5,918,178).

2. The Police and Crime Commissioner receives an annual salary of £85,000. The salary level for PCCs is set by the Home Secretary and this annual salary level of £85,000 has not changed since the PCC's appointment in November 2012.

Right to review

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

The Chief Executive
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Thames Valley Police Headquarters
Oxford Road
Kidlington
OX5 2NX
Email: pcc@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

I trust that this letter sufficiently answers your Freedom of Information Act request. However, if there is information which you believe is not included within this response then please email or telephone the writer directly in order that I may try to assist you further.