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I write in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on 27 June 2025.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Thames Valley has now considered this request, which for clarity, has been repeated below:

<u>Request</u>	<u>Response</u>
Dear Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner, The Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Report states that the number of neighbourhood police officers has more than doubled between 2023 and 2025, from 147 in 2023 to 328 in 2025. This is inconsistent with Home Office statistics which state that - as of March 2023 - there were 637 full-time equivalent police officers in neighbourhood policing roles. I would like to request: (1) The definition used for a neighbourhood police officer in the annual report.	1) The PCC's Annual Report (PCC Annual Report 2024-25) states "The number of funded

(4) Any papers referring to the announcement made by the Home Office on 19 March 2025 of a revision to neighbourhood police statistics for March 2024 https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fnews%2Frevision-to-march-2024-neighbourhood-policing-numbers&data=05%7C02%7Cjames.katouzian%40thamesvalley.police.uk%7Cf3332b7208dd4476d75b08ddb7b0560b%7C23de4379957a41a69587165d6c6b4dbd%7C0%7C0%7C638868690174535390%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoitWFrpbClzldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C&sdata=0CRku9n39e8ed%2BKNPDH5ieQnWKhGMn2Cd8%2FafDerbXc%3D&reserved=0	neither vacant nor have had an officer deployed in them, for example due to temporary assignment or maternity leave. 4) Please find attached the paper provided by the Force to the Police and Crime Commissioner in November 2024.
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