



BY EMAIL ONLY

Mr P Ponting

Please ask for: Jane Pearson
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Our Ref:
Date: 14th June 2019

Dear Mr Ponting,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Further to my email of 3rd June 2019, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I can now respond to your request below:

My question to you under the laws of Freedom of Information is,

As you oversee funding for police operations, I want to know the following:

- *What this operation cost?*
- *The rationale for allowing such an expense out of Lancashire police funds.*
- *Rationale why 5 or more serving police officers were taken from normal duty to investigate harassment for 4 solid months.*
- *Who authorised this outlandish expense.*

I will respond to the above questions in the same order below:

What this operation cost?

The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Lancashire does not hold the information.

The rationale for allowing such an expense out of Lancashire police funds.

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 places an obligation on us to confirm whether recorded information is held, however it does not extend to request for explanations, clarification of policy or hypothetical questions. Under the legislation therefore, this question does not constitute a valid FOI request. However, on this occasion, I can confirm that we do not hold the information.

Rationale why 5 or more serving police officers were taken from normal duty to investigate harassment for 4 solid months

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Who authorised this outlandish expense.

The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Lancashire does not hold the information.

The Police and Crime Commissioner does not oversee the funding of police operations. The PCC decides the overall budget and allocates assets and funds to the Chief Constable. The Chief Constable has the day to day responsibility for financial management of the force within the agreed overall budget allocation.

This concludes our response to your request.

If you have any queries regarding the information provided, please contact me in the first instance for assistance.

If you are dissatisfied with the response and wish to appeal, please write to the address below setting out your reasons within 21 days of receipt of this letter and your request will be dealt with through our internal review procedure:-

Ian Dickinson
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire
PO Box 100
Preston
PR10LD

If you are still not satisfied with the decision after review, you may complain to:-

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Jane Pearson
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