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Our Reference: 2024-00431
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Date: 04/06/2024

Dear FOI Applicant,

Thank you for your freedom of information request received in this office on **9 May** 2024 in which you asked:

'I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act as follows:

- *The total staffing budget for your PCC's private office and political staff.*
- *The total number of staff employed in your PCC's private or political office.*
 - *The salary banding of those staff.*
- *The declarable interests of those staff.'*

In response to your request, I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) holds the following information. Please note that under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. Some of the information you requested is available on the following website.

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) does not have a 'private office' and therefore, the OPCC has no information to provide for the total staffing budget or the total number of staff employed by the 'PCC's private office and political staff'.

If you are interested in the staff who are employed by the OPCC, this is available on our website, alongside the office's organisational chart. Please be aware that the OPCC organisational chart is reviewed annually, and is expected to be updated around October 2024, however, it is unlikely that there will be any major amendments - [Office of the PCC - West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner \(westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk)

You may also wish to visit our website for an overview of our budget - [Budget - West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner \(westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk)

The declarable interests of OPCC staff is available on our website - [Gifts & Hospitality - West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner \(westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk) and [Register of Interests - West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner \(westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk)

Freedom of Information Right of Appeal

Any person who has requested information from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and is unhappy with the way their request for information has been handled can request a review of their case.

A request for review must be made in writing by letter or email. You should include the reference number of your request if you have it, and outline why you are requesting the review to:

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Lloyd House
Birmingham
B4 6NQ

Telephone: 0121 626 6060
Email: wmpcc@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

All requests for review will be recorded. Receipt of a request for internal review will be acknowledged and the appellant informed of an estimated date for determining the outcome. The OPCC will attempt to respond to internal reviews as soon as practicable and in any case within two months.

All investigations will be undertaken by someone not involved in the original response.

The result of any internal review will be communicated to the appellant outlining the decisions taken.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

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

Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

There is no charge for making a request for internal review or appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,



Alethea Fuller
Deputy Chief Executive