

Reply to: Leah Smith

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29 November 2022

Dear Member of Public,

Freedom of Information Request FOI/OPCCN/215

I am writing in connection with your email dated 2nd November 2022, in which you requested the following information:

“1. Between the 1st of January 2022 and 30th of June 2022

Please provide the following information

a) How much has been paid by the force to LQCs between the above dates for payment for their role as an LQC at police misconduct hearings please provide a total figure

b) How many LQCs are at the forces disposable as of the 28th of October 2022. Please also provide the name.

c) what has been the largest payment made to an LQC during the above period

How much has been paid by the force to Independent Panel Members between the above dates for payment for their role as Independent Panel Members at police misconduct hearings

b) How many Independent Panel Members are at the forces disposable as of the 28th of October 2022

c) what has been the largest payment made to an Independent Panel Member during the above period”

I have reviewed our records and can advise the following:

1a) This information is not held as fees and expenses incurred in connection with the role of Legally Qualified Chairs at Police Misconduct Hearings is paid via Norfolk Constabulary's Professional Standards Department. To make a Freedom of Information request to Norfolk Constabulary, please follow this link to their website: [Freedom of Information request | Norfolk Constabulary](#)

1b) As of 28 October 2022, the OPCCN had 21 Legally Qualified Chairs available for Police Misconduct Hearings. The names of the individuals on the list of Legally Qualified Chairs are exempt from disclosure under the Act, pursuant to the provisions of Section 40(2) – Personal Information. This is an absolute class-based exemption which does not require a Public Interest Test and disclosure of the information would be a breach of the First Principle of the Data Protection Act 1998.

1c) This information is not held as fees and expenses incurred in connection with the role of Legally Qualified Chairs at Police Misconduct Hearings is paid via Norfolk Constabulary's Professional Standards Department. To make a Freedom of Information request to Norfolk Constabulary, please follow this link to their website: [Freedom of Information request | Norfolk Constabulary](#)

2a) This information is not held as fees and expenses incurred in connection with the role of Independent Members at Police Misconduct Hearings is paid via Norfolk Constabulary's Professional Standards Department. To make a Freedom of Information request to Norfolk Constabulary, please follow this link to their website: [Freedom of Information request | Norfolk Constabulary](#)

2b) As of 28 October 2022, the OPCCN had 14 Independent Members available for Police Misconduct Hearings.

2c) This information is not held as fees and expenses incurred in connection with the role of Independent Members at Police Misconduct Panels is paid via Norfolk Constabulary's Professional Standards Department. To make a Freedom of Information request to Norfolk Constabulary, please follow this link to their website: [Freedom of Information request | Norfolk Constabulary](#)

Yours sincerely

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Internal Review

If you think we have not supplied information in accordance with Section 1 (the General Right of Access) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, or you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled, then you should write within 40 days of the date of the response to:

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If you are dissatisfied in any way with our response or the way we have handled your request, you can contact us by phone, email or in writing. We may, in the first instance, try and resolve your complaint informally. However, at any stage you can request or we may decide to treat your complaint formally under our internal review process.

An internal review is conducted by the Chief Executive who will review the request and response, taking account of your complaint(s), and will respond in writing as soon as possible. The Information Commissioner's Office recommends that a response should be made in 20 working days. If we are unable to respond in this timeframe we will inform you and provide a date by which you should expect to receive our response.

If, after the internal review, you remain dissatisfied then you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office, the government regulator for the Freedom of Information Act. Details of how to contact the Information Commissioner's Office can be found at www.ico.org.uk