

Reply to: Leah Smith

Tel No: 01953 423506

29 November 2022

Dear Member of public,

Freedom of Information Request FOI/OPCCN/216

I am writing in connection with your email dated 7 November 2022, in which you requested the following information:

“Please disclose the total cost of running misconduct hearings from the earliest date in 2021 to the latest date available in 2022, depending on when your last report was ran. Please include independent chair costs, any external legal costs and hearing venues if you used third party buildings rather than your own, or Police buildings. I have made separate FOI to the Force for their costs that you don’t hold.

If the information isn't available please state in your letter.”

You then provided further information on the 9 November 2022:

“To provide further clarity can you go from January 2021, or the earliest start date you have available on your reporting, and end date being the most recent month your reporting goes to in 2022.

In regards to the costings, all the costs involved by the Force directly. E.g, Police staff or officers attending the hearings, wages paid to officers suspended during the misconduct cases, buildings rented to host the hearing if you don't use your own buildings. So the cost to the Force and not the PCC.”

I have reviewed our records and can advise the following:

This information is not held as fees and expenses incurred in connection with the role of running 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](#)

Yours sincerely

L. Smith

Leah Smith
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Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk

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