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Date: 12 October 2026

Dear Member of public,

RE: Freedom of Information Request FOI/OPCCN/272

I am writing in connection with your email dated 14 September 2026, in which you requested the following information:

"For the period 1 July 2026 to the date of this request:

- 1. Any recorded advice provided to the Police and Crime Commissioner by the OPCC Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer or any other member of OPCC staff concerning the Commissioner's outside employment, secondary occupations, external commitments or his 2027 theatre tour ("The Makings of a Murderer" or however titled).**
- 2. Any emails, meeting notes, minutes or other correspondence between the Commissioner and OPCC staff which reference the theatre tour, including correspondence concerning its announcement and any media handling of it.**
- 3. Any recorded assessment of how the Commissioner's statutory functions will be discharged during periods of absence connected to the tour."**

I have reviewed our records and can advise the following:

1. Please see attached notes from a conversation held in-person on 10 August 2026 between the OPCCN Chief Executive and Director of Governance who were discussing several matters, including the PCCs notification of disclosable interests. The PCC joined the conversation, and at that point he raised the possibility of attending a theatre tour which his promoter was working on.
2. Please refer to the response provided in question 1. Please also see attached emails relating to the theatre tour. Redactions have been made where information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOI Act. This exempts personal data if disclosure would breach any of the data protection

principles. This is because we have obligations under the Data Protection Act not to disclose to a third-party personal information about another person(s).

3. Please refer to the response provided in question 1.

Yours sincerely

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 calendar days of the date of the response to:

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Email: opccn@norfolk.police.uk

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.



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Colin Sutton

Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner

11th September 2026

Dear Mr Sutton,

Reports indicate that you intend to spend much of next year undertaking a 127-date nationwide tour of your one-man theatre show.

If accurate, this raises a straightforward question:

Why was this not clearly disclosed to Norfolk voters during the election campaign? Why did you not tell the people of Norfolk?

The role of Police and Crime Commissioner is not a ceremonial title - it carries significant responsibilities.

Voters were entitled to know, before casting their ballots, whether a candidate intended to spend a substantial proportion of the following year travelling the country on a one-man show.

Why was it not prominently declared to the electorate?

This is not a question about whether you are entitled to undertake outside activities. It is a question of transparency and accountability.

Many Norfolk residents will reasonably ask whether they elected a full-time Police and Crime Commissioner or a part-time public official pursuing a nationwide commercial tour alongside a £79,000 taxpayer-funded position.

We therefore invite you to urgently clarify the situation and explain why voters were not given the opportunity to consider these plans before polling day.

Yours sincerely

Rupert Lowe MP

Cllr Jonathan Wedon

From: [Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk](#)
To: [SUTTON, Colin](#)
Cc: [Stokes, Mark](#)
Subject: FW: Ref 750 - Letter from Rupert Lowe MP
Date: 11 September 2026 14:15:28
Attachments: [Letter to Colin Sutton - Norfolk PCC 11-9-26.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)
[image002.jpg](#)

Dear Colin,

Please see the attached letter from Rupert Lowe, MP for your attention.

Kind regards

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From: LOWE, Rupert (MP)

Sent: 11 September 2026 14:00

To: Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk

Cc: Jonathan Wedon

Subject: Ref 750 - Letter from Rupert Lowe MP

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Dear Mr Sutton,

Please see attached letter from Rupert Lowe MP and Cllr Jon Wedon.

Kind regards

Office of Rupert Lowe MP

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk](#)
Subject: RE: Press Association enquiry - PCC's 100+ date theatre tour
Date: 11 September 2026 13:42:12
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.jpg](#)

Thanks [REDACTED]
Will contact Colin now.
Cheers
[REDACTED]

From: Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk
Sent: 11 September 2026 13:20
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Press Association enquiry - PCC's 100+ date theatre tour
Hi [REDACTED],
Forwarding on for your attention.
Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 September 2026 13:15
To: Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk
<opccn@norfolk.police.uk>
Subject: Press Association enquiry - PCC's 100+ date theatre tour

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Good afternoon, I'm a reporter for the Press Association news agency. I saw that Colin Sutton has announced a 100+ date theatre tour in 2027, The Makings of a Murderer – Double Jeopardy <https://entertainers.co.uk/shows/the-makings-of-a-murderer-double-jeopardy>

And this has drawn some criticism from opposition parties about whether it will impact on Mr Sutton's ability to carry out his duties as Norfolk's elected PCC:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c74e0r0zwdko>

Please could you send me your lines on this? Would Mr Sutton be available for a call

about his decision to take on a tour of this length while serving as PCC?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: ● ● ● ●
To: [Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk](#)--
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: URGENT - BBC Interviews
Date: 11 September 2026 17:23:20
Attachments: [iroaae001.ong](#)
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Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED]

Please could you put the following interviews into Colin's diary. You may have to reschedule [REDACTED] meeting on the Tuesday.

Monday 14 September at 4pm

BBC Look East, in the studio - address:

BBC East

The Forum

Millennium Plain

Norwich

NR21BH

If Colin is driving, there is an underground car park at The Forum.

Car Park address:

The Forum Car Park

Bethel St

Norwich

NR2 1TF

There is a lift/stairs from the car park to main Forum building where he will see signs for the BBC.

When he arrives in the Forum he will just need to ring this number [REDACTED] and someone will come downstairs to meet him and take him up to the studio.

Tuesday 15 September at 8.17am

BBC Radio Norfolk interview in the studio on Theatre Tour in 2027 and launch of consultation.

Same address details as above.

If you need further information, let me know.

Many thanks

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File Note

Date: 10 August 2026

Attendees: Colin Sutton PCC,
Mark Stokes CEO & MO / Sharon Lister Director and DMO

Subject: Theatre Tour Enquiry 2027

During a meeting with the PCC and Sharon about the Police and Crime Plan update, and Disclosable Interests, the PCC raised a separate point and asked for advice regarding a proposed external commitment.

The PCC explained that he previously undertook a Theatre Tour in 2024, and that his promoter has approached him about doing another tour in 2027. His understanding of the tour is that it will involve a small number of shows, approx. 14 which are expected to be all in the evenings and at weekends. He did not have the details as yet to confirm.

The PCC said that he does not expect any impact on the PCC role, stating he will remain fully contactable, they are all evening shows and any impact re travel would be covered by annual leave. This would all be in his spare time.

Discussion

Sharon and I discussed with the PCC the general expectations around private commitments, most importantly for the Office to ensure that the PCC can carry out his role and that there are no conflicts with the requirements of the job.

Based on what the PCC has described, there are no immediate concerns, however I said that we needed to know what the details are, especially the itinerary to check if there were any potential clashes with PCC statutory meetings or other commitments that might affect his ability to fulfil the role.

I also noted that this linked to the PCCs position as a remunerated Director of ADO15 Ltd, as stated in the Disclosable Interests.

Conclusion

Based on the information provided today, I am satisfied that there is no immediate indication of any impact on the PCCs role. A final view will be reached once the confirmed itinerary and associated details are provided.

Mark Stokes

10/08/2026

Meeting with CEO Mark Stokes, Sharon Lister Director of Governance and PCC Colin Sutton - 10th August 2026

Having discussed the Disclosable Personal Interests requirements with the Chief Executive in a scheduled meeting this morning, the PCC joined us and we caught up on a number of items including the Police and Crime Plan consultation preparations and the PCCs Discloable Personal Interest requirements whereby we discussed his directorship with ADO15 and what this company entailed.

Following that discussion the PCC wanted to raise with us the possibility of him attending his theatre tour which his promoter were currently working on. The PCC went on to explain that he had undertaken a previous tour some years earlier and what the format would entail and that this would involve his attendance at a number of theatres across the UK but would be no more than about 14 events. These events would primarily be held in the evening with mostly weekends and that he could attend those in his own time but the odd one would be during the week and would require some travel.

The PCC asked what the annual leave entitlement was for the PCC as he would take annual leave if he had to travel during the week. I advised that the PCC was not on an employment of contract as his role was an elected one and that there was no allocated annual leave. I further advised that this would be something we would discuss as and when he required leave so we could work with his diary to ascertain what commitments needed to be managed and whether there were any prior commitments that needed attendance if they were mandatory requirement of the PCC role.

In terms of his attendance on the tour dates both Mark and I said that if he was available for PCC decisions through contact on MS Teams or via telephone then we could not see any issue with his attendance or a conflict of interest as this was linked to his discloable interest with his paid directorship of ADO15.

The PCC agreed he would have his laptop and work phone with him and that he will remain available and contactable should any operational or other PCC-related business require his attention.

Given the above assurances both myself and Mark were satisfied with the proposal and would await further confirmation from the PCC once he had liaised with his promoter.