

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 758

Questions:

Please can you supply the following:

- 1) Do you currently have a contract in place with an external provider for the provision of communication support? Communication support is defined as media management, public relations, social media, internal communication, employing engagement and marketing.
- 2) What date is the contract due to expire/be up for renewal?
- 3) Who currently holds this contract (if any)?
- 4) What was the value of the last communication support contract awarded and what was this for?
- 3) Is there a provision within your office to have ad-hoc communication specialists work with you, for example on a particular project.
- 5) When, if ever was a communication review carried out by an external body i.e. communication company, consultant etc. A communication review looks at output, structure, expenditure and impact.

Answers:

The Freedom of Information Act allows a right of access to recorded information. For the Purpose of the Act, information that is recorded or documented can be disclosed. Information will not be held for the purposes of the Act where it relates to, for example, understanding, knowledge and opinion and is not recorded.

There is no obligation for the PCC's office to create information to satisfy a request. In this instance we would need to create a "yes" or "no" answer for your questions. As such the information requested is not recorded information. As no information is held then this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

However, to assist you further, I can confirm that there is or has been no external contract for the provision of communication support and this includes ad-hoc communication specialists. There has also been no external body's communication review.