

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - FOI 712

Question

Cost of "Trans Flag" raised over HQ

Answer

Having completed my search for the information that you requested on 29 March 2018, I can confirm that the answer to your first two questions:

1. What was the cost of the flag shown in the tweet?
and
2. How many were purchased?

is not held by the Office of Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner, which is a separate organisation to Avon and Somerset Police.

With the aim of assisting you, I have referred question 1 and 2 to Avon and Somerset Police Freedom of Information Department. If you do not get a direct reply from the Police and wish to follow up your request then you can write to:

Freedom of Information Team
Corporate Information Management
Avon and Somerset Constabulary HQ
PO Box 37
Valley Road
Portishead
Bristol
BS20 8QJ

Or contact the team on-line at:

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/make-a-freedom-of-information-request-online/>

May I also suggest that you review the Police publication scheme on-line at:

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/foi>

I have dealt with your final question under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as below:

Question 3:

What is your current funding shortfall?

Answer 3:

The information regarding the funding shortfall is already published on the PCC's website therefore there is no obligation for the PCC's office to supply the information you have requested.

The exemption applicable to this information is Section 21: Information reasonably accessible by other means. This is an absolute and class based exemption and as such does not require a harm and public interest test.

To assist you, the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) states this information in the January 2018 Police and Crime Board paper, which is published here (page 20 refers):

<https://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/Document-Library/TERM-TWO/Police-and-Crime-Board/31-January-2018/18-19-MTFP-FINAL.pdf> .

Also, details of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Budget for 2018/19 and 2017/18 Outturn Report can be found on the PCC's website and a link is provided below (and also attached):

<https://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/Document-Library/TERM-TWO/Police-and-Crime-Board/30-October-2017/Item-9b-OPCC-budget-18-19-and-17-18-outlook-v1.pdf> .

Currently there is a circa £4m funding gap for Avon and Somerset Constabulary after planned savings and after two years (2018/19 and 2019/20) of precept rises of £12 for band D.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, this reply represents a Refusal Notice for your request.