

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 746

Questions:

Does the OPCC subscribe to CoPaCC?

How much has the OPCC paid to CoPaCC in 2016, 2017 and 2018?

In what years has CoPaCC carried out transparency reports on the OPCC?

In what years has the OPCC received a transparency award from CoPaCC?

Answers:

1: Information is held that the PCC's office subscribe to CoPaCC (Comparing Police and Crime Commissioners).

2: 2016 and 2017 payment information 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.

However, to assist you further, the information can be found here:

<https://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/Openness/Spend-over-500.aspx>

The payments can be found in the February 2017 and February 2018 spreadsheets (press '<Control> F' (the find function) and search for CoPaCC.

The office of the PCC (OPCC) paid £1,200 in 2016/17 and £900 in 2017/18.

No information is held for any 2018/19 payment. Please note that the scope of the Freedom of Information Act is limited to recorded information held at the time of the request. There is no requirement on an organisation to create new information in response to a request. Therefore, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this part of your question. However, again to assist you further, I can advise you that the PCC's office have not yet received the invoice for 2018/19.

3: The years that CoPaCC carried out transparency reports on the OPCC are 2014 and 2018.

4: The years that the OPCC received a transparency award from CoPaCC – that is, an Open and Transparent Quality Mark – are 2015, 2016/17 and 2018.