

2nd October 2023
REF FOI/455/RP

Sent via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 455

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) office have now completed the search for the information which you requested.

Your request:

I am interested in researching the issue of the Inspection of Accounts rights under the Audit Act 2014, to see if or how it is being used across local bodies in the UK.

I wanted to ask for data, between 2019 and 2022/23 for

1. If the accounts were published in those years
2. Number of people who inspected the accounts in the time periods each year.
3. Number of requests/questions asked, and what they were/what areas they covered
4. Number of objections raised, and what they were.
5. Any FOI requests relating to the accounts or finances (with the phrase 'accounts' of 'inspection or statement of accounts')
6. Any changes made to the accounts as a result.

Our response:

The information you have requested can be located on our website. I have provided links below which will help you locate the information you have requested.

The statement of accounts are published here: [How we spend your money | OPCC for Avon and Somerset \(avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/how-we-spend-your-money)

Other information requested will be within the Joint Audit Committee papers were the draft and final accounts are reported, external audit reports are published and includes the Joint Audit Committee Q&As on the accounts: [Joint Audit Committee \(JAC\) Reports | OPCC for Avon and Somerset \(avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/joint-audit-committee-jac-reports)

All Freedom of information requests are published on our website [here](#).

If you have any queries about this letter then please contact me, quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy about how your request has been handled and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision then you should write to:

The Chief Of Staff
Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's Office
Valley Road
Portishead
Bristol
BS20 8JJ

Please note, Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's office provides you with the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure. The appeals document is attached for your reference.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:
<http://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioners Office