



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER**

COMMISSIONER CAROLINE HENRY

Ref: 6333.21

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Dear

Re: Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your request for information, which was received by the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner on 14 September 2021.

INFORMATION REQUESTED

Ashfield Have Your Say Event

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act for details of an event you organised on Tuesday, 14th September 2021 at 7pm at the Festival Hall, Kirkby-in-Ashfield.

Can you tell me all costs relating to organising the event to include:

- (1) The cost of all publicity to include Facebook / Social Media Advertising / Leaflets.
- (2) Cost of hiring the Festival Hall, Kirkby-in-Ashfield and whether there were any refreshments booked.
- (3) The cost of streaming the event on social media and all associated equipment.
- (4) The total cost of the event?

Further to this - could you confirm:-

- How many staff from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office that attended the event?
- How many serving Police Officers from Nottinghamshire Police attended?
- How many Police Staff attended?
- How many members of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office attended the event and whether there were any claims for overtime?
- The total attendance at the event excluding Ashfield District Council Staff / Councillors / Nottinghamshire Police Officers or staff / Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner staff?

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RESPONSE

Under S 1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner does hold the information you have requested.

Please find below answers to your questions:-

1. A total of £100 was spent on publicising the event, primarily via paid social media advertisements which aimed to effectively maximise reach. Our analytics indicate that the paid advertisements reached a total of 27,009 people across Ashfield and Eastwood.
2. The meeting space at Festival Hall Leisure Centre was procured at a cost of £200 for the evening. Festival Hall Leisure Centre was selected as an accessible public location within the local community which allowed for appropriate social distancing. Refreshments were made available by the OPCC at an additional cost of £25.16
3. The event was live streamed and recorded by independent communications consultants at a total cost of £350+VAT. This includes the cost of publicising the event via social media as outlined at point 1.
4. The 'Have Your Say' event was facilitated in Kirkby-in-Ashfield at a total cost of £575.16. This excludes the costs of core OPCC staffing which are detailed below.

In response to your supplementary questions, I can confirm that:-

- Two members of staff from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner attended the event and provided support with regard to hosting and facilitation.
- Three serving police officers attended the event and provided local operational insight and feedback on issues of community concern in Ashfield.
- No police staff attended the event.
- No claims for overtime or travel expenses have been incurred in association with the event. OPCC support was provided as part of the organisations flexible working policy.

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- Excluding Ashfield District Council Staff, Councillors, Nottinghamshire Police Officers or staff and Nottinghamshire PCC staff, no additional members of the public physically attended the event. It is encouraging to note, however, that the live stream and recording of the event posted on our social media channels had received 1,320 views as at 10 October 2021.

The Police and Crime Commissioner has a statutory duty under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 to make arrangements to obtain the views of local people and victims of crime on matters concerning policing in the area and to obtain the views of local people and victims of crime on the plan itself (s96 of the Police Act 1996 as amended).

Beyond her statutory requirements, Commissioner Henry is fully committed to listening and reaching out to the communities of Nottinghamshire and will continue to explore and pilot new opportunities to do so during her term in office.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer on telephone number 0115 8445998 or e-mail carolinehenrypcc@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Yours sincerely

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