

For Information	
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION MONITORING, REVIEW AND ASSURANCE

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Joint Audit and Scrutiny Panel (the Panel) with assurance that the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is working in full compliance of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.¹
- 1.2 The FOI Act 2000 provides public access to information held by public authorities. It does this in two ways:
 - Public authorities are obliged to publish certain information about their activities; and
 - Members of the public are entitled to request information from public authorities.
- 1.3 The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011 ("the 2011 Order") specifies information which must be published by a Police and Crime Commissioner.²

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the panel notes the report.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The Panel have a responsibility to ensure that the Commissioner and Chief Constable discharge their legal obligations and responsibilities.
- 3.2 The public also hold Commissioners to account through being able to benchmark their performance and vote accordingly in elections. To help the public fulfil this role there are 33 separate pieces of information that Commissioners must publish to comply with The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011 such as data on salaries and contracts.

¹ [Freedom of Information Act 2000](#)

² [Elected Local Policing Bodies \(Specified Information\) Order 2011](#)

- 3.3 On the 24th September 2014 the Home Officer reviewed PCC websites for compliance with The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011.
- 3.4 On the 1st October 2014 the Home Office marked Nottinghamshire as being compliant.
- 3.5 This report provides assurance to the Panel that the information required to be published by the Commissioner is available and accessible on the Commissioner's website.

4. Summary of Key Points

- 4.1 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner received 30 requests for information between the period of 1 January – 31 December 2014. Details of the requests are published on the Police and Crime Commissioner's website. Please see Appendix A for further details.
- 4.2 100% of the requests for information were acknowledged within 5 working days.
- 4.3 100% of the requests for information were responded to within the 20 working days deadline.
- 4.4 The most common requests for information are regarding the Police & Crime Commissioner's staffing and expenses.
- 4.5 For the same period in 2013, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner received 53 requests for information.
- 4.6 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is fully compliant with the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011. The information is detailed on the Police and Crime Commissioner's website via the follow website address:
- <http://www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk/Get-in-touch/Freedom-of-Information/Publication-Scheme.aspx>
- 4.7 The Order is reviewed by the Business Support Manager on at least a quarterly basis to ensure information is up to date and accurate.

5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision

- 5.1 None

6. Human Resources Implications
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6.1 None

7. Equality Implications

7.1 None

8. Risk Management

8.1 None

9. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities

9.1 None

10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations

10.1 None

11. Details of outcome of consultation

11.1 None

12. Appendices

12.1 Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner Freedom of Information requests January – December 2014.

13. Background Papers (relevant for Police and Crime Panel Only)

13. N/A

NB

See guidance on public access to meetings and information about meetings for guidance on non-public information and confidential information.