

Freedom of Information
Quarterly Disclosure Log

1 October 2015 to 31 December 2015



Police and Crime Commissioner
Northumbria

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211415	<p>Please may I make the following request to the Commissioner's office under the Freedom of Information Act 2000?</p> <p>To ask how many times the Police and Crime Commissioner had visits/engagements in the following locations in a) 2013 b) 2014 and c) 2015, to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Sunderland ii) Newcastle iii) Gateshead iv) Houghton-le-Spring v) Hetton-le-Hole vi) Washington vii) The Millfield area of Sunderland 	<p>We have now had the opportunity to fully consider your request and I provide a response for your attention.</p> <p>I can confirm that the information you have requested is held in part by the OPCC however cannot be disclosed for the following reasons. The information requested about locations of engagements or visits, is not held in an easily retrievable format.</p> <p>To provide information which meets the criteria of your request would entail a member of staff searching and manually reviewing the Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioners diary entries, e mails and hard files to determine the location of any engagements. Initial indications are that in one of the months you specified there were 50 engagements listed in the Commissioner's diary. Due to the recording methods used, it may not possible to identify if the entries related to engagements in the locations you specified. To establish whether this was the case it would be necessary to review emails using a search facility connected to each diary entry. Following this, searches would then need to be conducted within paper based files which may have been linked to the diary entry to establish if there was any recorded information to ascertain if the diary entry related one of the locations in your request.</p> <p>Even at a conservative estimate of 6 minutes per record, which we have considered as reasonable, we have estimated that to extract this information would take over 5 hours for that one month, therefore Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act would apply. This</p>

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		<p>section does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimated that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours, equating to £450.00</p> <p>You should consider this to be a refusal notice under Section 17 of the Act for that part of your request.</p> <p>As part of your request would exceed the prescribed limit, as defined by the Act, there is no requirement for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria to provide a response to the remaining parts of your request. However, in order to provide you with some assistance, under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, an initial assessment of the information that may be provided within the time constraints would be your questions as written above for a three month period only. You would however, need to specify which three month period you require.</p> <p>If that would be useful you may wish to define and resubmit your request accordingly.</p> <p>You may be interested to know that Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner routinely publish information via the Disclosure Log. The aim of the Disclosure Log is to promote openness and transparency by voluntarily placing information into the public arena.</p> <p>The Disclosure Log contains copies of some of the information that has been disclosed by Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner in response to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p> <p>Whilst it is not possible to publish all responses we will endeavour to</p>

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		<p>publish those where we feel that the information disclosed is in the public interest.</p> <p>The Disclosure Log will be updated once responses have been sent to the requester.</p> <p>I have provided the relevant link below.</p> <p>http://www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk/transparency/foi</p> <p>The information we have supplied to you is likely to contain intellectual property rights of Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner . Your use of the information must be strictly in accordance with the Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988 (as amended) or such other applicable legislation. In particular, you must not re-use this information for any commercial purpose.</p> <p>How to complain</p> <p>If you are unhappy with our decision or do not consider that we have handled your request properly and we are unable to resolve this issue informally, you are entitled to make a formal complaint to us under our complaints procedure which is attached.</p> <p>If you are still unhappy after we have investigated your complaint and reported to you the outcome, you may complain directly to the Information Commissioner's Office and request that they investigate to ascertain whether we have dealt with your request in accordance with the Act.</p>
231415	Under the freedom of information act I would like to see all communications and	We have now had the opportunity to fully consider your request and I provide a response for your attention.

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	<p>documented meetings that Vera Baird has had with reference to the disposal of Hexham Fairfield.</p>	<p>I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) however cannot be disclosed for the following reasons. The information requested is not held in an easily retrievable format. It is important to note that all correspondence received by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is filed under constituents surname rather than subject matter.</p> <p>To provide information which meets the criteria of your request would require all e mails, faxes, documents, external and internal correspondence to be manually reviewed to establish which, if any, refer in any way to the disposal of Hexham Fairfield. In one dip sample month the Commissioner received 83 external communications. Taking this as typical equates to 996 such communications a year. Even at a conservative estimate of 5 minutes per record, which we have considered as reasonable, we have estimated that to extract this information from received external communications would take over 83 hours a year. Further manual reviews would be required of all e mails, faxes, documents and internal correspondence adding further time, therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act would apply.</p> <p>This section does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimated that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours, equating to £450.00.</p> <p>You should consider this to be a refusal notice under Section 17 of the Act for that part of your request. When applying Section 12 exemption our duty to assist under Section 16 of the Act would normally entail that we contact you to determine whether it is</p>

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		<p data-bbox="1052 233 2016 339">possible to refine the scope of your request to bring it within the cost limits. However, from the information we have outlined above I see no reasonable way in which we can do so.</p> <p data-bbox="1052 384 2016 523">In order to provide you with some assistance, under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 we can advise that information on this subject is published on our website. We have provided the relevant links below</p> <p data-bbox="1052 568 2016 746"> https://www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk/v2/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/30th-April-2015.pdf https://www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk/v2/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/PCC.148.2015-Sale-of-Police-Houses-at-Hexham.pdf </p> <p data-bbox="1052 791 2016 930">You may be interested to know that Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner routinely publish information via the Disclosure Log. The aim of the Disclosure Log is to promote openness and transparency by voluntarily placing information into the public arena.</p> <p data-bbox="1052 975 2016 1114">The Disclosure Log contains copies of some of the information that has been disclosed by Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner in response to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p> <p data-bbox="1052 1158 2016 1265">Whilst it is not possible to publish all responses we will endeavour to publish those where we feel that the information disclosed is in the public interest.</p> <p data-bbox="1052 1310 2016 1374">The Disclosure Log will be updated once responses have been sent to the requester.</p>

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