

Thank you for your request for information, below, which has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act).

Under the FOI Act we must firstly tell you whether we hold the information that you have requested and then provide you with a copy of it (subject to certain exemptions).

You have asked for information about cuts to the police budget for Normanton/Castleford and for Bradford Metropolitan District for the past five years.

I am afraid that we do not hold the specific information that you have requested.

The Police and Crime Commissioner is responsible for setting the police budget after receiving Government funding and raising funds through the council tax precept and this is reported to the Police and Crime Panel for scrutiny before the start of each financial year. You can see the report for the budget for 2016-17 via this link:

<https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/our-business/finance/budget.aspx>

Reports for the previous two financial years are also included on this website.

The Police Authority set the budget before the introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners and I am including a link to the budget report for the last two financial years of the Police Authority, below:

<http://www.webarchive.org.uk/wayback/archive/20121121092543/http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/wypa/finance/budget>

The Annual Statements of Account are also published on the Police and Crime Commissioner's and Police Authority's websites, as below:

<https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/our-business/finance/statement-of-accounts.aspx>

<http://www.webarchive.org.uk/wayback/archive/20121121092746/http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/wypa/finance/statement-accounts>

None of these reports identify the budget or the spend in terms of Normanton and Castleford or Bradford Metropolitan District, I'm afraid.

You may be able to get this information by making a request to West Yorkshire Police. You can make a request online via the following:

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/contact-us/requesting-information/freedom-information/freedom-information-request>

I hope you are satisfied with the way your request has been dealt with. If you wish to appeal against this response please write to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner as detailed in the attached procedure.