

Thank you for your email and your FOI request for the cost of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for 2012/13 and 2013/14.

Our accounts for 2012/13 which can be found on the Police and Crime Commissioner's website shows that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) cost £1.644m for 2012/13. Here is a link to the accounts and the requested information is on page 12 of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Audited Statement of Accounts. <http://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/our-business/finance/statement-of-accounts.aspx>

The budgeted cost for 2013/14 is £1.736m. This can be found in the current budget document on the Police and Crime Commissioner's website at the following link in Appendix A on page 25. <http://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/media/51607/decision-budget-201415-170214.pdf>

The outturn for 2013/14 will be shown in the statement of accounts for 2013/14 on the Police and Crime Commissioner's website and these are presently being prepared for presentation to the Police and Crime Commissioner, prior to making them public. A Section 22 exemption has therefore been applied.

Section 22 says that:

1. Information is exempt information if-
 - a. The information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not),
 - b. The information was already held with a view to such publication at the time the request for information was made, and
 - c. It is reasonable in all circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph.

I have considered whether it would be possible to provide the information to you in advance, however, the Police and Crime Commissioner must approve the accounts before they can be made public.