

Disclosure of all emails, letters), meeting notes, briefing notes, reports where Mr Burns-Williamson, Mr Sampson, or his delegated representative, has either corresponded, or met, with officers from the IPCC.

Please disclose these separately for the financial years 2016/17 to date; 2015/16; 2014/15.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with the information requested.

It is estimated that the cost of providing / locating the information you seek within your request would exceed the time threshold. Where a reasonable estimate has been made that the appropriate limit would be exceeded, there is no requirement for a public authority to undertake the work up to the limit.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 creates a statutory right of access to information held by public authorities. A public authority in receipt of a request must, if permitted, state under Section 1(a) of the Act, whether it holds the requested information and, if held, then communicate that information to the applicant under Section 1(b) of the Act.

This email serves as a refusal notice under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 17 of the Act provides:

(1) A public authority which, in relation to any request for information, is to any extent relying on a claim that information is exempt information must, within the time for complying with Section 1(1), give the applicant a notice which:-

- (a) states the fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question, and
- (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The reason that we are unable to provide you with this information is covered by the following exemption(s):

Section 12 - Where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit

It has been estimated that the cost of providing you with this information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004, which currently stands at 18 hours of work (estimated at £450).

Under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we have a duty to provide advice and assistance to people who have made a request for information. It may be helpful to know that the information we hold in relation to correspondence or meetings with officers from the IPCC falls into the following categories:

1. Appeals following complaint handling by the OPCC (estimated to take 3 hours 30 minutes to retrieve).
2. Other contact in relation to public complaints or case work (not related to formal appeals), (estimated to take 15 hours to retrieve).
3. Contact relating to police conduct cases (not public complaints), (estimated to take 5 hours 55 minutes to retrieve).

4. Contact relating to IPCC investigations (estimated to take 45 minutes to retrieve).
5. Other contact (for example, responses to consultations, general correspondence, specific meetings), (estimated to take 9 hours 52 minutes to retrieve).

If you would like to refine your request after considering this information please let me know. You have a right of appeal in relation to the way your request has been dealt with and I am attaching a copy of our appeals procedure.