

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 22-21

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner on 10th March 2021. You requested the following information:

Please can you break down the following information for the financial years: 2015/6, 2016/7, 2017/8, 2018/9 and 2019/20. Can you also please provide me the information for the period between 1 April 2020 and 28 February 2021.

Q1) How many "political advisers" were appointed by your force area's PCC over the stated period?

1a) Please can you tell me the name of the serving PCC at the time who hired such advisers, the combined yearly salaries of said political advisers (£), their full names and dates of appointment (in the format- DD/MM/YYYY).

1b) If the PCC had a deputy PCC below them, how many "political advisers" were appointed by the deputy PCC(s) over the stated period, and how many of them were party political office holders or active party members (please state) at the time of appointment?

For Q1b, could you please tell me the name of the political party (for example, but not limited to: the Labour Party, the Conservative Party) or party political office said adviser(s) belonged to.

The PCC for West Yorkshire, Mark Burns-Williamson, appointed a Deputy PCC for what is the 4th largest Police Force in England & Wales, covering a population of 2.3m (22 Parliamentary constituencies) and a budget of approximately £500m. The role specification for Deputy PCC in West Yorkshire is attached and includes providing political advice (as set out in legislation), in addition to providing strategic policy and communications advice.

Please note, this information is published on the Police & Crime Panel Website.

Isabel Owen was appointed as Deputy PCC for the terms 13/04/2013 – 11/05/2016 and 10/06/2016 – 09/05/2021 following confirmation hearings of the Police and Crime Panel. Details of payments to senior officers are published in the PCC's Annual Statement of Accounts:

2019-20 (p55): https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/201920_pcc_final_accounts.pdf

2018-19 (p57): https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2019-11/201819_pcc_final_accounts_020819.pdf

2017-18 (p62): https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2019-11/201718_pcc_audited_accounts.pdf

2016-17 (p63): https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2019-11/201617_pcc_audited_accounts_28092017.pdf

2015-16 (p69): https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2019-11/201516_police_and_crime_commissioner_audited_statement_of_accounts.pdf

For the period 01/04/2020 – 28/02/2021 a salary of £44,907 was paid.

All other staff in the OPCC are politically restricted.