

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2013 –021**

Your request has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and we provide our response below.

You requested the following information:

1. A list of trade unions which received payments from your organisation and the total amounts paid to each union for financial years a) 2011-12 and b) 2012-13. If it is not possible to list the amount paid to each union, please provide a total amount paid to all unions. Please **do not include** membership dues or salary costs. Please only include direct payments.

2. Please state:

a) Which trade unions your organisation provide staff time to work on trade union duties and / or activities (sometimes called 'Trade Union facility time') in i) 2011-12 and ii) 2012-13.

b) The number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff that were provided for each trade union in i) 2011-12 and ii) 2012-13. For example, if a member of staff spends 2 days per week on union business, this is equal to 0.4 FTE.

3.

a) Does your organisation provide the facility to deduct trade union subscriptions from staff salaries in the payroll process?

b) If so, for each union please state what your organisation charged for this service (whether as a fixed amount per employee or a percentage), and the total amount collected in:

i) 2011-12

ii) 2012-13

Whilst the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) sets the overall budget for Dorset Police, he does not set specific budgets for activity relating to trade unions, this would be a matter for the Chief Constable. Our response to your request must therefore be 'No Information held.'

We would therefore suggest that you direct your enquiry to Dorset Police if you have not already done so. I provide their contact details below.

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You can also submit your Freedom of Information request to Dorset Police via on-line form using the following link:

<https://www.dorset.police.uk/Default.aspx?page=752>