

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2014-005**

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

You asked:

- 1. How many police support volunteers were registered with your Force as at 1 January 2014?**
- 2. What was the total number of hours worked by all police support volunteers in your Force for the last recorded 12 month period?**
- 3. Please list each different role description for your police support volunteers, and the department in which each role is deployed.**
- 4. What was the total cost to your Force of deploying police support volunteers over the last recorded 12 month period?**
- 5. Please describe any plans to increase the number of, or change/add to the role descriptions for, police support volunteers in your Force?**

Your request for information has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and our response is as follows:

1. 155.
2. 7,034 for 2013 (January to December).
3. A list of volunteer roles, role descriptions and locations is publicly available via the Dorset Police website:  
<http://www.dorset.police.uk/Default.aspx?page=304>
4. The identifiable cost of deploying volunteers for the financial year 2013/14 is £166,871.00.

Please note that this figure includes expenses paid to both Volunteers and Special Constables as these are recorded together.

5. As stated in the Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017, "...the Commissioner has pledged to double recruitment of Special Constables and significantly increase the number of volunteers in Dorset Police by 2016."

<http://www.dorset.pcc.police.uk/Plans-and-priorities/Police-and-Crime-Plan-2013-17.aspx>

No specific numerical targets or changes to role descriptions have been identified as part of this ambition.