

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2016-001**

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

You asked:

**Please provide details of:**

- 1a) data on funding the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has allocated to activities related to human trafficking and/or modern slavery (for example, but not limited to: a dedicated unit, staff training, prevention, investigation, prosecution, awareness campaigns) within its force area for the years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17. If this is not possible or too broad please refer to 1b).**
- 1b) data on any funding the PCC has allocated to activities related to human trafficking and/or modern slavery (for example, but not limited to: a dedicated unit, staff training, prevention, investigation, prosecution, awareness campaigns) within its force area since 2012. If this is not possible or too broad, please refer to 1c).**
- 1c) data on any funding the PCC has allocated to activities related to human trafficking and/or modern slavery (for example, but not limited to: a dedicated unit, staff training, prevention, investigation, prosecution, awareness campaigns) within its force area in 2014-15.**
- 2) If the PCC hasn't allocated any funding specifically to activities related to human trafficking and/or modern slavery (for example, but not limited to staff training, prevention, investigation, prosecution, awareness campaigns) within its force area since 2012 please confirm that in writing.**
- 3a) Please provide details of the time period covered by the latest Police and Crime Plan.**
- 3b) Does the latest Police and Crime Plan include any reference to human trafficking and/or modern slavery? Please answer yes or no.**
- 3c) If the answer at 3b) is no, please provide any other document that may contain any plan specifically dedicated to human trafficking/modern slavery within the force area dating back to 2012.**
- 4) If the force area hasn't had/doesn't a plan specifically dedicated to human trafficking and/or modern slavery since 2012, can you please confirm that in writing.**

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

- 1a) No information held.
- 1b) No information held.
- 1c) Whilst the PCC has not allocated any specific funding or resources towards human trafficking and/or modern slavery we are aware from Dorset Police of relevant activity that has taken place in this area, namely:
- The training of five Slavery Safeguarding Leads (SSLs) to deal with referrals of potential victims through the National Referral Mechanism, and two panel members as part of the Home Office Pilot scheme;
  - The training of 30 officers who now have a greater knowledge of modern slavery and act as Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) for frontline officers;
  - Providing external training to other agencies locally who have a responsibility around the reporting/investigation of modern slavery offences;
  - General awareness raising of these offences within the community by way of public meetings.
2. Please see the response to Q1, above.
- 3a) The current Police and Crime Plan runs from 2013-2017. An annual 'refresh' of the Plan was undertaken in 2014 and 2015. The Police and Crime Plan is available to view via our website:
- <http://www.dorset.pcc.police.uk/information-hub/publication-scheme/our-priorities-and-progress/>
- 3b) Yes.
- 3c) Not applicable.
4. Please see the response to Q3, above.

Furthermore, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Dorset can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any other information relevant to this request. The duty to do so, imposed by Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, does not apply because the exemption provided by Section 23(5) of the Freedom of Information Act is engaged. This section removes our duty to confirm or deny under the legislation if it would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded) which was directly or indirectly supplied by, or relates to, certain Security Bodies.

Section 23 is a class based absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the public interest in this case.