

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2016-002

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

You asked:

I'd like to request the appointment diary of the Police & Crime Commissioner from 1st July 2015 to 31st December 2015.

- 1. Please provide the time and date of each appointment or event, and a summary of what it was about. The estimated duration of the appointment would be appreciated if it is easily accessible.**

(‘Meeting with Chief Constable’ would, for instance, be fine as a summary – I’m not looking for a detailed agenda for each appointment.)

- 2. I’m not interested in appointments where someone deputised for the PCC. Please also indicate dates when the PCC was on leave.**
- 3. Where entries need to be redacted, please still provide the time and date of the appointment, as part of my research is to establish how many meetings the PCC has had.**

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

1. Information relating to the PCC’s appointment diary is published in the ‘PCC Diary’ section of our website:

http://www.dorset.pcc.police.uk/about-us/the-police-and-crime-commissioner/opcc-diary/?attende=PCC&arc_month=06&arc_year=2015

This section of our website has been fully reviewed and updated to include all appointments in the PCC Diary from January 2015, although some of the details of these appointments may have been redacted given the personal or sensitive nature of them.

Appointments can be filtered by month and by attendee e.g. the PCC, Deputy PCC (DPCC), Chief Executive (CEO), other Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) staff – or ‘all’.

Technically, this amounts to a refusal of this part of the request under Section 21 of the Act – “Information Reasonably Accessible By Other Means”.

2. With regard to your question concerning dates when the PCC was on annual leave, the OPCC consider that this information requested clearly amounts to personal information.

Section 17 of the Act requires the OPCC, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a)

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

The information requested is not being disclosed because the exemption provided by Section 40 (2) of the Act – Personal Information – is engaged

The exemption relates to any requests for information in respect of third parties, where disclosure of such information would breach the following Data Protection principles regarding personal data:

1. It should be fairly and lawfully processed
2. Processed for limited purposes
6. Processed in line with the data subjects rights
7. Secure

In the context of your request, this exemption applies because the information that you are requesting refers directly to a living individual, and their personal information. Those drafting the Act clearly considered that the disclosure of such information would in most cases risk undermining individual's rights to privacy and those rights still stand in these circumstances.

Since the exemption is engaged; this part of our response should be regarded as a formal refusal notice for your request.'

3. See the response to question 1, above.