

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2016-024**

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 information on the financial position, for 2014/15 and 2015/16 for your police force and whether it is in surplus or deficit and the level thereof. Please set out the gross assets and liabilities of the force.**

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

The information that you have requested is contained within the PCC and Dorset Police accounts which are published annually on our website (link below):

<https://www.dorset.pcc.police.uk/information-hub/publication-scheme/what-we-spend-and-how/>

The draft accounts for 2015/16 are scheduled to be published by the end of June 2016. Final accounts will be approved in September 2016 once the full audit process has concluded.

Technically, this amounts to a refusal of your request on the basis of “information reasonably accessible by other means” (Section 21) and “information intended for future publication” (Section 22).