

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2016-032

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

You asked:

Please advise what, if any, transparency requirements you require of the police in your area or that you are planning to require. Please include any transparency requirements for the pay, expenses and allowances for the chief constable and other senior officers.

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

1. Both Dorset Police and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner are required to publish a Publication Scheme, based on types of information defined by the Information Commissioner. You can access the respective Publication Schemes via the following links:

<https://www.dorset.police.uk/news-information/about-dorset-police/accessing-information/publication-scheme/>

<https://www.dorset.pcc.police.uk/information-hub/publication-scheme/>

2. The Accounts and Audit (Amendment No 2) (England) Regulations 2009 came into force on 31st March 2010 and state that all senior staff and officers are required to disclose their salaries, fees, allowances, bonuses, expenses, redundancy payments, etc. For senior employees (i.e. those holding a rank above that of Superintendent or equivalent Police Staff rank), whose salary is £50,000 (England); £60,000 (Wales) or more per year but less than £150,000 or for relevant police officers whose salary is less than £150,000 per year, they are required to be listed individually by way of job title. However, any individual whose salary is £150,000 or more per year must also be identified by name.

This information is routinely published within the Annual Accounts available via our website:

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

Pages 29-30 of the Draft OPCC Accounts for 2015/16 specifically relate to remuneration of senior staff.

No other payments, reimbursements or allowances have been paid to the Chief Constable outside of those set out in the Terms of Appointment and Main Conditions of Service.