

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2017-030

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

You asked:

I have been informed by several police forces this information is held by the PCC's office.

If you have already been sent this request by your police force, please ignore this email and continue with the original request.

I am requesting the following information under the freedom of information act:

- What is the daily rate you pay your legally qualified chair for misconduct panels?*
- Are there any other fees you pay your LQC for any work related to misconduct hearings, preparations and report writing? If so, please give details*
- What is the daily rate you pay your supporting members of misconduct panels?*
- Are there any other fees you pay to misconduct panel members for any relevant work? If so, please give details*
- Are officers subject to misconduct proceedings able to claim expenses, eg for travel? If so please give details*
- Please release full details of all expenses claimed in connection with misconduct hearings, investigation, preparation and reports, broken down by each hearing for the last twelve months*
- How many misconduct hearings have you held in the last twelve months and how long did they last for?*

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

What is the daily rate you pay your legally qualified chair for misconduct panels?

Fees:

Full day ie sittings of more than 4 hours (excluding meal breaks)	£366
Half day ie sittings of 4 hours or less (excluding meal breaks)	£181

The "fees" rates may be claimed only for sitting on a misconduct panel.

-Are there any other fees you pay your LQC for any work related to misconduct hearings, preparations and report writing? If so, please give details

Preparation and report writing fees:

A fee may be claimed at the rate of £52.50 for each hour necessarily spent in preparatory work or report writing. This fee may, however, only be claimed where it is necessary for the work to be undertaken on a day other than the day on which the hearing takes place, (except that a fee may be claimed even in these circumstances if the hearing fee is paid at the half-day rate).

The maximum preparation and report writing fee that can be claimed is £750 for each misconduct hearing.

Expenses

Travel and expenses are currently reimbursed at .45p per mile in a car or reasonable public transport costs.

-What is the daily rate you pay your supporting members of misconduct panels?

Fees:

Full day ie sittings of more than 4 hours (excluding meal breaks) £210

Half day ie sittings of 4 hours or less (excluding meal breaks) £105

The "fees" rates may be claimed only for sitting on a misconduct panel.

Expenses

Travel and expenses are currently reimbursed at .45p per mile in a car or reasonable public transport costs.

-Are there any other fees you pay to misconduct panel members for any relevant work? If so, please give details

No

-Are officers subject to misconduct proceedings able to claim expenses, eg for travel? If so please give details

Not via the OPCC.

-Please release full details of all expenses claimed in connection with misconduct hearings, investigation, preparation and reports, broken down by each hearing for the last twelve months

None.

-How many misconduct hearings have you held in the last twelve months and how long did they last for?

None.