

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2019-004**

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

You asked:

- 1) Do you currently have a contract in place with an external provider for the provision of communication support? Communication support is defined as media management, public relations, social media, internal communication, employing engagement and marketing.
- 2) What date is the contract due to expire/be up for renewal?
- 3) Who currently holds this contract (if any)?
- 4) What was the value of the last communication support contract awarded and what was this for?
- 5) Is there a provision within your office to have ad-hoc communication specialists work with you, for example on a particular project?
- 6) When, if ever was a communication review carried out by an external body i.e. communication company, consultant etc. A communication review looks at output, structure, expenditure and impact.

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1. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner do not have contracts in place with external provision of communication support.
2. N/A
3. N/A
4. During 2016, the OPCC hired a local PR company on a short term basis to cover a temporary staff shortage within the busy summer months. The cost of this was £1,750.
5. Ad-hoc communication specialists are not currently required by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset.
6. There has been no external communication review carried out.