

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2025-26-014**

Your request has now been considered and we provide our response to your request below.

You asked:

What is the total cost, to date, of the Lorne Castle discipline proceedings?

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 total cost, to date, of the Lorne Castle discipline proceedings?**

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) follow legislation within the Police (Conduct) Regulations 2020 and the Police (Conduct)(Amendment) 2024, in relation to misconduct panels.

Those regulations provide instruction regarding the composition of the misconduct hearing panel. In short, the panels consist of three persons: The Chair (Chief Constable or delegated senior person) and two Independent Panel Members (IPM) with relevant experience.

Also appointed to a non-decision-making position is a Legally Qualified Person (LQP), who provides guidance to the panel. The OPCC have responsibility for the appointment of the LQP and the IPMs.

The fees for the LQP and the IPMs are rates agreed nationally by the Association of Police and Crime Commissioner Chief Executives (APACCE).

The total OPCC costs to date relating to the above are £8,421.43, broken down as provided in the below table.

	Cost
LQP	£5,050.53
IPMS	£3,380.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£8,431.43</b>

You will note these costs are those associated solely with the areas of the misconduct hearing process which fall under the responsibility of the OPCC. For any additional costs incurred by Dorset Police in relation to this hearing, this is not information held by the OPCC therefore you will need to submit a further Freedom of Information request directly to Dorset Police. You can submit such a request by emailing [foi@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@dorset.pnn.police.uk).