

Freedom of Information
Quarterly Disclosure Log


1 January 2018 to 31 March 2018



Police and Crime Commissioner
Northumbria

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12018	<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide us with the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the financial years 15/16, 16/17 and 17/18: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many grants were awarded to organisations in which at least one of the outcomes was to provided services to victims of stalking? b. What was the total monetary value of these grants? c. Which organisations were awarded? 	<p>The Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria is committed to ending violence against women and girls and is a great advocate for supporting victims of crime to cope and recover from their experience.</p> <p>This commitment has been captured in the PCCs Police and Crime Plan as a key policing and crime objective and through a regional Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy. A key chapter of the VAWG Strategy is harassment and stalking with specific actions outlined to raise public awareness of stalking and harassment.</p> <p>We have also committed to lobbying national changes to strengthen the law with regards to stalking in particular we have responded to the Home Office consultation with regard to stalking protection orders and you can view a copy of our response via our website http://www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk/media-gallery/consultations/ This clearly outlines our commitment to strengthening support and practice in this area.</p> <p>To drive forward Northumbria Polices local understanding and practice we have established a steering group to oversee future actions and activity and will focus on raising public and police officer awareness and putting in place specific actions to ensure an appropriate response to victims in terms of investigatory and support provision.</p>

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		<p>Although we have not made discrete grants for stalking related services we have used just over 60% of our victims commissioning budget to support the provision of domestic abuse and sexual violence services. A full list of these services can be viewed via the following link http://www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk/police-crime-plan/commissioning-services-grants/</p> <p>As a result of our grants monitoring and relationship engagement work we would be confident that all services commissioned to deliver these support services would appropriately support victims of stalking both ex-partner related and stranger stalking. For example Northumberland Domestic Abuse Service (NDAS) has used their grant from the PCC to employ a stalking and harassment lead as part of their holistic domestic abuse service.</p> <p>Our Supporting Victims Fund 2018-19 is coming to a close and we are about to begin assessing applications for funding to strengthen victim support services across Northumbria. Our commissioning intentions have been refreshed for the coming year to include a strand for 'emotional and practical support for victims of stalking and harassment'. We therefore foresee that discrete grants to provide specific provision for victims of stalking and harassment will increase during the coming the year.</p>
42018	<p>Within the last available Annual Report published on the Northumbria PCC website, dated 2015-2016, it states expenditure for the 'Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner' to be £1.156m.</p> <p>Could you please provide a breakdown as to the detail of these costs, including the position</p>	<p>We have now had the opportunity to fully consider your request and I provide a response for your attention as attached.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner (OPCC) Northumbria running costs are substantially lower than that of the former Police Authority.</p>

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	<p>of any staff held within here that are included within these costs.</p> <p>Also within the costs listed as 'Other Expenditure under control of the PCC' of £8.260m, could you please provide an explanation as to what this relates to, and a breakdown of the details within this expenditure.</p>	<p>As outlined in the report from the Tax Payers' Alliance (https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/taxpayersalliance/pages/5606/attachments/original/1438848618/PCC_research_note.pdf?1438848618) the OPCC Northumbria spent £2,912,046 less in 2013/14 than the Police Authority did in 2010/11, a 69% decrease.</p> <p>I have also provided you with the total running costs for OPCC Northumbria as follows -</p> <p>2013/14 - £1,390,159</p> <p>2014/15 - £1,157,524</p> <p>2015/16 - £1,155,835</p> <p> OPCC 2015'16 Costs FOI response.xlsx</p>
52018	<p>1) Details of the link between Northumbria Police and the charity "Victims First Northumbria", please include any Police staffs who hold positions on this charity, and any financial rewards they receive from this charity?</p> <p>2) The total Police budget for the year 2016-2017, and the amount of this budget given over to "Victims First Northumbria"?</p> <p>3) The total Police budget for the year 2017-</p>	<p>1) Victims First Northumbria is an independent victim referral and support service, you can read more about their service by following this link https://victimsfirstnorthumbria.org.uk/. Where a victim of crime has consented for the police to share their details for support purposes, Northumbria Police make a referral to Victims First Northumbria. The Chief Constable of Northumbria Police is a member of the Victims First Northumbria Board and receives no financial reward or reimbursement for this role.</p> <p>2) The total police budget for the 2016-17 year was £266.840million, no amount of this budget was provided to Victims First Northumbria.</p>

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	<p>2018, and how much of this budget was granted to "Victims First Northumbria"?</p> <p>4) I understand the Police refer customers to "Victims First Northumbria", how much money per referral is given to "Victims First Northumbria" from the police budget?</p> <p>5) The position Vera Byrd holds on "Victims First Northumbria"?</p> <p>6) All financial salary/pay/expenses/ other forms of payments Vera Byrd receives from this position on this charity.</p>	<p>3) The total police budget for the 2017-18 year was £262.543million, no amount of this budget was provided to Victims First Northumbria.</p> <p>4) Victims First Northumbria accept referrals from Northumbria Police, for those victims of crime who want support to help them cope with the aftermath of crime and recover from their experience. Victims First Northumbria are not paid per referral. Please reference to questions 2 and 3 regarding finances.</p> <p>5) Dame Vera Baird QC is Chair of the Victims First Northumbria Board.</p> <p>6) Dame Vera receives no payment of any kind for the position of Chair of the Board.</p>
62018	<p>1) Does your organisation have a Facebook Page(s)? If yes, what is/are the url(s) and when were they set up?</p> <p>2. Does your organisation advertise or spend any money on Facebook? If yes, please can you outline what expenditure has occurred and break down expenditure per calendar year (January to December) since 2004? N/A</p> <p>3) Does your organisation have a Twitter Account? If yes, what is/are the url(s) and when were they set up?</p> <p>4) Does your organisation advertise or spend any money on Twitter? If yes, please can you outline what expenditure has occurred and</p>	<p>1) Yes, the page was created in November 2012. I have provided you with the following link - https://www.facebook.com/Vera.Baird.QC/</p> <p>2) N/A</p> <p>3) Yes, the account was created in October 2012. I have provided you with the following link - https://twitter.com/NorthumbriaPCC</p> <p>4) N/A</p> <p>5) N/A</p> <p>6) N/A</p> <p>7) No information held.</p>

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102018	<p>I'd be very grateful if you would inform me of the size of your office, with respect to your position as Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria Police. How many staff do you employ, both full time and part time staff?</p>	<p>The information you have requested is available online, I have provided you with the relevant link as follows - http://www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk/v2/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/OPCC-Staff-Structure-1.pdf</p>

