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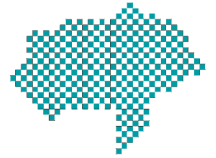
Our Ref: 547.2015-16

Your Ref:

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016



Police and Crime  
Commissioner  
North Yorkshire



A Snodgrove  
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Dear Ms Snodgrove

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST NO: 547.2015-16**

I write in connection with your request for information to North Yorkshire Police. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. How much money has been spent so far in the commencement and progress of civil action for harassment against citizen journalists, Peter Hofschroer, Nigel Ward, and Tim Hicks? Please provide a breakdown of the expenditure classifications and name the legal advisor for North Yorkshire Police, and the fees or salary paid so far, along with documentation, filing, and court fees, and allocation of police and staff time so far in this civil action.*
- 2. Please advise details of any revenue received from Jane Kenyon, Robert Hofschroer, or any other person or organisation not currently employed by North Yorkshire Police as reimbursement for police and police legal time spent progressing their joint cases against these individuals.*

### **Extent and Result of Searches to Locate Information**

To locate the information relevant to your request, searches were conducted within North Yorkshire Police.

### **Decision**

Please see the responses to your questions below.

#### Question 1

As at the date of your request, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015, the costs incurred by North Yorkshire Police in the civil case were as follows:

- External Solicitor costs (including court fees and other disbursements) - £124,907.04
- Counsel costs - £40,012.50

Joint Corporate Legal Services as a Department are providing advice to both the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and North Yorkshire Police in any matters connected to this

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case. External solicitors are advising the individual claimants in the case and their costs and fees are given above.

Staff and officer time in dealing with this civil matter is not recorded as a matter of routine course and so there is no recorded information held in response to that element of your question.

Question 2

There is no recorded information held in response to this question.

**Complaint Rights**

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet which details your right of complaint.

Yours sincerely

Emma Morris  
Police Lawyer (Civil Disclosure)  
Joint Corporate Legal Services

## COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to require the North Yorkshire Police to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

### **Ask to have the decision looked at again –**

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

### **Complaint**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of the North Yorkshire Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information you can lodge a complaint with the North Yorkshire Police to have the decision reviewed. North Yorkshire Police must be notified of your intention to complain within 2 months of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

Force Solicitor and Head of Legal Services  
North Yorkshire Police  
Newby Wiske Hall  
Northallerton  
North Yorkshire  
DL7 9HA

In all possible circumstances the North Yorkshire Police will aim to respond to your complaint as soon as practicable but within 20 working days.

### **The Information Commissioner**

After lodging a complaint with the North Yorkshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk). Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF  
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