



**By email**

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Our ref: 2019-971

**Reply contact name is:** Najj Darwish

Dear T D Reynolds,

I write in connection with your email request for information dated the 20<sup>th</sup> of September regarding lodged against the PCC.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows:

You wrote:

Dear Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner, It is now several months since permission was granted for the extra £1 a month in my precept police payments, which now stand at £204 per month, can you say, with this increase, how many extra police officers you have now taken on?

Response:

As outlined in my public campaign and consultation in January 2019, the precept increase of 13.4% has delivered an increase of 43 police officers. These have been used to increase officers in our community policing teams across the county and our Digital crime team, who work to reduce and investigate cybercrime. The precept increase enable me to increase training intakes for 2019/20. As you appreciate it takes time for new recruits to be trained and fully operational in our communities.

The Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel are provided with performance reports on a quarterly basis. The latest report covering Quarter One 2019-20 (1 April to 30 June 2019) was presented to the panel on the 5th of September and it can be accessed as by clicking on the following link:

<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1127&MId=12375&Ver=4>

Page 47 of the report provides an update that 20 Police Officers in training will join Community Policing Teams in October 19.

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If you require any further information or guidance, please, do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Naji Darwish', written in a cursive style.

Naji Darwish  
**Deputy Chief Executive**  
**Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon**