



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: F-2010-00752

REQUEST DETAILS:

1. *"How much was spent on Common Purpose training in the last financial year up to April 2009 and how much has been spent so far this financial year?"*
2. *Briefly, what Common Purpose actually teaches your personnel and what it actually enables them to do?*
3. *How many officers currently serving have received Common Purpose training?*

RESPONSE:

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and can provide the following in relation to your request.

1. Suffolk Constabulary have not spent any money on Common purpose training for the 2008/09 or 2009/10 financial years.
2. Common purpose enables Constabulary employees to meet both public and private sector senior managers to facilitate solving real world problems and share solutions. Assisting in understanding problems and discuss solutions, real business issues and substantial team working.

It is particularly relevant to us due to the collaboration agenda where we are currently working not only with the other Police Forces in the region, but also the County Council and the Fire Service. As successful policing depends upon working in partnership with local bodies and the public, the course is particularly relevant.

More information regarding Common Purpose can be found via their website.

3. Currently, Suffolk Constabulary have two employees who have received Common purpose training:

Assistant Chief Officer Philip Clayton (attended in 2006)
Jim Friend (attended in 2004)