



Our Ref: 685.2017-18  
Your Ref:  
Date: 27 October 2017

Civil Disclosure  
Joint Corporate Legal Services

Gwen Swinburn  
request-434803-4dc6370f@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Ms Swinburn,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 685.2017-18**

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner on 29 September 2017. I note you seek access to the following information:

*I attended an information rights tribunal hearing at Barnsley Law Courts yesterday (EA/2017/0076).*

1. *Please provide a statement of the total cost expended by the PCC's office and the CDU in defending the appeal since it was first made in May 2017.*
  - *The sum should include both internal and external costs and a split between the two.*
  - *The costs should include the amount spent on counsel at the hearing yesterday.*

**Clarification received 20/10/2017**

*I would like to know the staff costs, an estimate is sufficient. I know that other FOI's for far more complex cases have been responded to with staff time on cases. Your best efforts will be sufficient.*

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

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

I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by North Yorkshire Police.

**Decision**

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you.

The total costs expended by the Joint Corporate Legal Service and external Counsel in relation to the Tribunal hearing EA/2017/0076 was £3,481.83. This is for the period 13 April and 29 September 2017.

The total includes an estimated cost of £381.83 for internal costs and £3,100 for external legal fees (inclusive of VAT), which includes work done prior to the hearing and representation on the day.

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Staff time in dealing with these matters is not recorded as a matter of routine course, therefore the estimated internal costs have been calculated by reviewing the work carried out within the legal file against the staff hourly rates (plus on costs).

Please note that systems used for recording information are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted therefore that this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other responses you may receive.

**Complaint Rights**

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

If you have any queries concerning this request, please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Williams  
Legal Officer (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  
Alverton Court  
Crosby Road  
Northallerton  
North Yorkshire  
DL6 1BF

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 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 <https://ico.org.uk> Alternatively, phone: 0303 123 1113 or write to:

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