

Our Ref: 299.2015-16

Your Ref:

Date: 09th March 2016



Police and Crime
Commissioner
North Yorkshire



Mr M Price

request-277868-45b8af6c@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr Price

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST NO: 299.2015-16

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

In reply to this request, https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/costs_relating_to_citizen_journa, part of the the answer given was "Police officer time from December 2011 to September 2014; 94.6 months - £386,347".

1. *How many police officers did this involve?*
2. *Who gave the orders for these officers to be used in this manner?*
3. *Was this an official operation, who was in charge of this and what was it called?*
4. *Please could I have this figure broken down into each calendar year?*
5. *What was the incident that first triggered the investigation of the journalists?*

Extent and Result of Searches to Locate Information

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

Decision

Question 1

The estimate provided relates to 14 members of police staff and officers.

Question 2

All operational matters are under the direction and control of the Chief Constable.

Question 3

This estimate of time referred to relates to Operation Rome which was a precursor to Operation Hyson. Operation Rome was headed by a Detective Inspector.

Question 4

There is no recorded information held in response to this request as the information is not broken down into calendar years. The figures were arrived at following a manual estimate by the departments involved and were not recorded by calendar year.

Question 5

North Yorkshire Police have never confirmed nor denied that there has been any investigation into "journalists" in the manner you describe. I would be grateful if you could please clarify exactly what you mean by this question as I cannot determine what specific recorded information you are requesting. Please note that any personal information or information relating to investigations may be exempt from disclosure under the FOI Act.

To assist you in the meantime I have provided you with answers to your other questions above, but I would be grateful if you could please provide further explanation to enable me to assist you with this particular 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. Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF
Phone: 01625 545 700

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