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Dear Mr Fallon

FOI Reference No: Our ref: FOI-20111/224480

Thank you for your request for information received by West Yorkshire Police on 26 August 2011.

You requested the following information:

Subject: Freedom of Information request - Gatso Calibration

and Training

Body: Dear West Yorkshire Police,

I would like to request a FOI disclosure which

is basically to

understand the annual money payments

to Serco and Gatso for the

calibration and maintenance

of cameras, staff training, and how the

speed

is calculated as part of the secondary check.

Q1. How many fixed post Gatso (FPG) and Gatso Red Light(GRL)

cameras were in use, on an annual basis, by your

partnership in the

past three financial years?

Q2. For these cameras, for the past three financial

years, what were

the total cost amounts paid(TCAP)

for the annual calibration of

these cameras, identifying

the TCAP to intermediate agents such as

Serco

and the company Gatsometer B.V, and the additional amounts of

V.A.T added?

Q3.Please confirm

if the partnership have ownership of these cameras,

paid in full, or any other arrangement.

Q4.Please

confirm if the calibration contracts (CC) have been agreed for a fixed term with break penalty clauses

or negotiated

annually, if the CC are inclusive

of a greater contract regarding

maintenance, and

who signed the contracts on behalf of the partnership.

Q5.After the cameras have been returned following

calibration

please confirm if, apart from the

calibration certificate,

Gatsometer B.V provide

a report on any faults detected and items

replaced

and, if so, please identify the items, including

batteries, that have required replacement.

Q6 After calibration, please confirm if the cameras are returned

with a shutter speed of two photographs

at intervals of 0.5

seconds, and if your Camera

Enforcement Officers make any

adjustments to the

shutter speed or flash setting prior to

reinstallation

and, if so, what are the setting adjustments?.

Q7.Regarding the secondary check viewing, please advise

how the

viewing staff are trained for their task,

who does the training,

are certificates of completion
provided, and are the staff given
post training
assessments or hard copy reference documentation. Is
the work of the viewing staff audited or reviewed
at intervals?
Q8.For FPG please confirm the distance
between the calibration
lines on the road which
are part of the secondary check, so that
one can
calculate the speed if five lines are passed.

The information you have requested falls within the remit of the West Yorkshire Casualty Reduction Partnership, and therefore West Yorkshire Police have transferred your request to them.

We have sent your request to the Partmership on your behalf and you should receive an acknowledgement from them.

If you require any further information about the West Yorkshire Casualty Reduction Partnership, then you should visit their website, which is at the below link:

http://www.safetycameraswestyorkshire.co.uk/

Yours sincerely

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You have the right to require West 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.
2. 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.
3. Complaint
If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of West Yorkshire Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint to have the decision reviewed.
A West Yorkshire Police independent review panel, which will be made up of a Senior Police Officer and a representative from the Force Solicitor's Office, will deal with this appeal in the first instance. Both are fully trained in interpreting the Freedom of Information legislation and neither person on the Appeals Review Panel will ever have been involved in dealing with your initial request.
Complaints should include the FOI reference number, be made in writing or email and addressed to:
xxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
or
West Yorkshire Police
FOI Appeals Panel
PO Box 9
Laburnum Road
Wakefield
WF1 3QP
In all possible circumstances West Yorkshire Police will aim to respond to your complaint within three months.

If you are still dissatisfied with the decision after the review by the West Yorkshire Police Appeals

4. The Information Commissioner

Panel, you may then make an 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.ico.gov.uk.

Alternatively, phone or write to:

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

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