

3 July 2009

Your Ref:

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Dear Ms Davis

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER 0474/09

I refer to your request for information dated 5 June 2009, which was received by Strathclyde Police on same date. Your request has now been considered and on 3 July 2009, a decision was made to grant your request. As such, the information you have requested is detailed below.

1. What is your procedure regarding placing a job vacancy advert for any positions within your FoI/DP/Information Governance Departments? Specifically do you have a contract with an external recruitment agency? If so, please provide me with the company name, address and the job title of the person who would be your chief contact.

All external vacancies for Strathclyde Police are advertised on the Strathclyde Police website and also through Jobcentre Plus. Please note that prior to May 2009 our vacancies were also published on the Scotcareers website. In addition, depending on the grade and nature of a post, some posts are also advertised in relevant newspapers.

Strathclyde Police currently has a contract with Reed recruitment agency. This company provides in the recruitment of short-term, temporary agency workers for the force. The agency is based at 150 Hope Street, Glasgow, G2 6NN and the appropriate contact would be the Business Manager.

2. Please provide me with a breakdown of the total costs charged to you the last time you advertised such a vacancy and please provide me with a list of the publications that the advert appeared in, the title of the job vacancy and the number of applicants that applied.

The last time such a post was advertised was in April 2009 for a Freedom of Information Officer. There were 133 applicants and the costs and a list of publications the advert appeared in were as follows.

Herald/Sunday Herald - £1049.06 +VAT

S1 Jobs - £325 +VAT

Scotcareers – Individual costs are not recorded for this as the basis of the contract was an annual fixed fee which allowed unlimited advert placements.

Jobcentre Plus – No cost

Strathclyde Police website – No cost

I hope this information is helpful, however, if you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance to request a review of the decision made by the Force. Should you wish to request such a review, please write to Mrs Sheena Brennan, Disclosure Manager at the above address within 40 working days of receiving this letter.

Once informed of the Review Panel's decision, if you are still not satisfied, then you are entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision. Contact details are; Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, telephone 01334 464610.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Strathclyde Police. Should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me directly on 0141 435 1216 quoting the reference number given.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer