



**Kent  
Police**



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FOI Ref. 2055/2010

Dear Mr Bailey,

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 2055/2010**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Kent Police on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 in which you requested the following information:

- 1) *Total Force Special's budget and allocation*
- 2) *Each area's total Special's budget and allocation*

The budget for 2009/10 for the Extended Policing Family department, within which the Special Constabulary sits, was £223,608. It is not possible to state what proportion was spent on the Special Constabulary as many categories have multiple uses across the five strands of this department.

Further to this, there is no specific budget or allocation for Special Constables in each policing area and therefore information to specifically answer your request is not held.

However, Kent Police records show that each policing area has incurred costs relating to Special Constables, for items such as uniform, telephone costs, specialist equipment, and travel expenses.

It is therefore possible to provide details of the amount spent on Special Constables broken down by each policing area. This information is included in the table provided below. The information has been provided for the amount spent in financial year 2009/10.

<b>Policing Area</b>	<b>Funds Spent on Special Constables</b>
North Kent	£7,706.02
Medway	£6,691.32
West Kent	£36,513.00
Mid Kent	£17,101.82
South Kent	£13,430.90
East Kent	£9,540.49

Thank you for your interest in Kent Police. If you have any further queries concerning your request, or the application of the Freedom of Information Act in general, please contact this office quoting the reference number shown above.

Yours sincerely,

**Laura Birchley**  
**Freedom of Information Administrator**

## **Your right to complain**

We take our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act seriously but, if you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to complain. We will conduct an internal review to investigate the matter and endeavor to reply within 20 working days.

You may lodge your complaint by writing to:

The Information Compliance Unit  
Professional Standards Department  
Kent Police Headquarters  
Sutton Road,  
Maidstone Kent  
ME15 9BZ

Or by e-mailing  
[freedomofinformation@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@kent.pnn.police.uk)

If you are still dissatisfied following our internal review, you have the right under section 50 of the Act to complain directly to the Information Commissioner. Before considering your complaint, the Information Commissioner would normally expect you to have exhausted the complaints procedures provided by Kent Police.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

FOI Compliance Team (complaints)  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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