

4th August 2023

FOI 23/2023

I write in connection with your request for information processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and received in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire on 14th July 2023 when you asked the following question(s):

“Dear PCC Team,

This an FOI request. I'm an academic at Birkbeck College and I am interested in researching the issue of the Inspection of Accounts rights under the Audit Act 2014, to see if or how it is being used across local bodies in the UK. You can find out more about me here

<https://www.bbk.ac.uk/our-staff/profile/8008925/ben-worthy>

I wanted to ask for data, between 2019 and 2022/23 for

1. If the accounts were published in those years”

In answer to your request please see the following:

I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire holds the information that you have asked for. The information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it via the following links:

[Statement of Accounts | Office of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner \(derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/statement-of-accounts)

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act and some guidance points we consider when applying this exemption, attached at the end of this letter.

You can also find more information by reading the full text of the Act, available at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>.

1. Any FOI requests relating to the accounts or finances (with the phrase 'accounts' of 'inspection or statement of accounts')

In answer to your request please see the following:

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Any FOI responses for the OPCC can be found on the Commissioner's website below.

[Freedom of Information Disclosure Log 2023 | Office of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner \(derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)

1. Number of people who inspected the accounts in the time periods each year.

In answer to your request please see the following:

I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire holds the information that you have asked for. The information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it via the following links:

The accounts for 2019/2020, 2020/2021 have been audited and are available to view using the following link: [Statement of Accounts | Office of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner \(derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)

The accounts for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 are currently in the process of being audited.

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- 2. Number of requests/questions asked, and what they were/what areas they covered**
- 3. Number of objections raised, and what they were.**
- 4. Any changes made to the accounts as a result.**



I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire does not hold the information you have requested based on the information you have provided.

Derbyshire Constabulary may hold this information and I give below a link to the Force's website where you can make a FOI request to them direct.

[I want to find information about the police | Derbyshire Constabulary](#)

If you are not satisfied with our response to your request, under Section 17 of the FOIA of the FOIA you are entitled to ask for an internal review of our decision. Any internal review needs to be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this response and state why you are unhappy with the response. You can submit an internal review in the following ways:

- * emailing the OPCC Inbox –
PCCOffice@Derbyshire.PNN.Police.UK or;
- * writing to the OPCC at –
The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire
Butterley Hall
Ripley
Derbyshire
DE5 3RS
By phone – 0300 122 6000 (as a reasonable adjustment under the Equality Act 2010).

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal review under Section 50 of the FOIA you can apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure provided by the OPCC. You can contact the ICO in the following ways:

- * online at the ICO –
<https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/> or;
- * writing to the ICO at –
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marie Romano'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Marie' written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name 'Romano'.

Marie Romano
Interim Strategic Lead for Governance and Compliance
On behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner

