

Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commission

Freedom of Information Act Request Response No. 000261/15

Question

- 1. What is the total communications/ public relations budget for your police force? Please provide figures for each of the last six financial years, i.e. 2014/15, 13/14, 12/13, 11/12, 10/11 and 09/10.
- 2. How many staff are employed in your force's communications department? Please provide job titles.
- 3. Does your police force have a budget for external communications work? If so, please state how much has been spent on this for each of the years above.

Answer

2009/10 - £596k
2010/11 - £699k
2011/12 - £668k
2012/13 - £589k
2013/14 - £685k

2. Head of news and Communication, News Producer x 6, Digital media Producer, News Coordinator For the year 2009/10, the force did not have a specific budget for external communications. For the following 2 years, 2010/11 and 2011/12 a specific Strategic Marketing budget of £50K per annum was introduced and this was used solely for external works.
2012/13 - £2,041
2013/14 - £4,450

There is no specific PCC budget for PR, marketing and promotional materials in the current financial year as the Northamptonshire PCC's News & Public Involvement and Policy Team provides strategic support services to both The PCC and the Chief Constable. A budget of £81,195 has been allocated for Marketing and Promotional for both the Force and the OPCC for 2014/15 which will mainly support large countywide campaign force campaigns, such as the annual drink driving campaign and our current campaign to recruit more special constables and volunteers.