

Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commission

Freedom of Information Act Request Response No. 002162/14

Question

- 1. The number of staff employed by Northamptonshire Police and the PCC's office to work in the press office*. Could we have the figures for the past five financial years ending in 2013/14
- 2. The total cost of these staff. Again, could we have the figures every year for the past five financial years.

Answer

I can confirm that Northamptonshire Police holds the information requested as follows:

2009/10 - 17.66 FTE 2010/11 - 20.86 FTE 2011/12 - 19.36 FTE 2012/13 - 15.86 FTE 2013/14 - 17.00 FTE

Note FTE = Full Time Equivalent

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

*The response refers to our department known as the 'News and Public Involvement Team' and previously, 'Corporate Communications Team / Research Team'.

Their responsibilities include dealing with the media, but whose work is now mostly concerned with web and social media presence, web development and campaigns, the equivalent staff time spent in meeting a traditional 'press office' function equates to approximately 2.5 people. Any comparison with past years' figures is not meaningful due to the way in which the world, and the way that this team serves it, is different now.