



Nottinghamshire

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER



Ref: 005689/15

24th August 2015

Dear

Re: Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your request for information, which was received by the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner on 21st August 2015.

INFORMATION REQUESTED

In April 2010, press articles appeared re the cost to the tax payer for police forces that had force bands. The cost for 19 bands over 9 years was estimated to be £750,000, see attachment.

Your force is shown as having a force band. Under these austere times, and 5 years on, could you, or the office dealing, supply me with the following information.

Annual budget;

Numbers of band members; of the total number,

How many are serving police officers?

How many are police support staff?

How many are 'police volunteers'?

How many who do not fall into above categories?

How often does the band rehearse?

How many engagements does the band fulfil on average each year?

Does your band make a charge for engagements and if so how much?

Does your band charge for every engagement/concert it undertakes?

If no charge is made, what criteria is put in place to forgo any charges?

How many engagements in the past 12 months have not incurred a charge?

Some of the bands have smaller bands within them, do you make a charge for these small ensembles?

If so how much?

Does your band hold the relevant licences to perform music in a public place (performing rights society) and/or to collect money in a public place (local government (miscellaneous provisions) act 1982 street trading policy)?

How many street collections has your band undertaken in the past 12 months and how much was collected?

If your band does hold a street collection at outdoor performances, who benefits from the money collected? (the force or charity)

If any such monies collected are for the band, are they a registered charity?

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Do members of the band receive any remuneration? Eg do police officers or police staff get paid overtime?

Do band members receive any incidental expenses, travelling expenses, overnight expenses etc. If so, what is the cost per annum?

If expenses are paid, do police officers and support staff also receive the same remuneration?

Do any members of the band receive expenses for holding office within the band, musical director, chairman, treasurer etc? If so, what is the total cost per annum?

How many such officers are in the band?

What is their annual honorarium?

Of the total budget, how much is spent on music/instruments and associated items, repairs cost of hire of rehearsal room etc?

Are expenses paid to non band members?(guest players etc) if so how much is paid?

Do members of your band wear police uniform?

Is there a cost incurred for issue of uniform?

Does your band have any other uniform?

What is the cost for any such alternative uniform?

RESPONSE

Under S 1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner does not hold the information you have requested, however this information may be held by Nottinghamshire Police. I have forwarded your request on to them to respond accordingly.

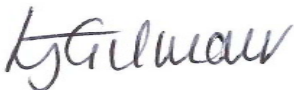
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Yours sincerely



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