



Nottinghamshire

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

Ref 1505

25 February 13

Dear

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

I write in connection with your request for information, which was received by the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner on 20 February 2014.

Please see below details of the information you requested:

You said some time ago that we were to have 150 additional police officers quickly-good. However I see that the police officers will be a combination of proper police men/women, PCSOs and police "staff". Please confirm how many of each and when-presumably 37.5 per year over the next 4 years! Also why PCSOs-we need proper well trained policemen with the power of arrest-PCSOs are a poor substitute.

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 hold the information you have requested.

The Commissioner intends to recruit new officers and PCSOs. In the budget, provision is made to recruit 150 police officers this year backed by 100 more PCSOs during his term of office. These will be focused in neighbourhood teams, so that we can concentrate on reducing crime and antisocial behaviour, making Nottinghamshire a safer place with fewer victims. Further information can be found in the Medium Term Financial Plan which is on the website at <http://www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk/Document-Library/Money/Medium-Term-Financial-Plan-Report-2013.pdf>

Paddy is a firm supporter of PCSOs and wants to see them working with maximum powers which will give them better opportunities to reduce crime and stepping up these powers would inevitably require appropriate training. Paddy is aware that more powers would go hand in hand with changes to the way our PCSOs work and is in the process of having discussions about this with the Chief Constable who is accountable for the exercise of police powers.

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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.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer on telephone number 101 Ext 801 2008 or e-mail nopcc@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Pearson'.

Lisa Pearson
Freedom of Information Officer