



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000426-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 28 January 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

“Please explain how the investigation into the Corrie Mckeague case has run up a bill to the taxpayer of £2.1 million with the only explanation that the "investigation cost £1,325,000 (isn't that what we pay the police to do!) and £826,000 on police salaries (don't the police normally get paid then!)”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 28 January 2018

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and the response is below.

Investigation costs have been established by reviewing overtime expenditure allocated to the operational budget code, landfill search costs and a calculation of normal officer salary payments, based on the number of police officer hours that have been allocated to this investigation. The calculations do not include police staff costs or costs incurred to backfill officers who have been drafted in for the search.

The total expenditure specifically in overtime payments for the investigation is currently £235,000.

Normal salary costs associated with the investigation, established using police officer hours, is £826,000. Such costs are generally not calculated however, given the high profile nature of the investigation, the Constabulary maintained records to identify where funds are being allocated.

The total cost of the two searches at the landfill site is £1,282,225. This figure includes overtime costs associated specifically with the landfill search and sub contract costs.

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;

<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>

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Your Right to Request a Review of Decisions Made Under the Terms of the
Freedom of Information Act (2000).

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled, or if you think the decision is incorrect, you have the right to ask Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Suffolk Constabulary to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Suffolk Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 20 days of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Requests for a review should be made in writing and addressed to:

*Freedom of Information Decision Maker
Information Management Department
Suffolk Constabulary
Police Headquarters
Martlesham Heath
Ipswich
Suffolk
IP5 3QS
OR
Email: information@suffolk.pnn.police.uk*

In all possible circumstances Suffolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 20 working days of receipt of your request for an internal review.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with Suffolk Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700