

FOI 2021-217

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10 March 2021 concerning political advisors.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requester. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

You wrote:

Please can you break down the following information for the financial years: 2015/6, 2016/7, 2017/8, 2018/9 and 2019/20. Can you also please provide me the information for the period between 1 April 2020 and 28 February 2021.

- 1) How many "political advisors" were appointed by your force area's PCC over the stated period?
- 2) Please can you tell me the name of the serving PCC at the time who hired such advisors, the combined yearly salaries of said political advisors (£), their full names and dates of appointment (in the format- DD/MM/YYYY).
- 3) If the PCC had a deputy PCC below them, how many "political advisors" were appointed by the deputy PCC(s) over the stated period, and how many of them were party political office holders or active party members (please state) at the time of appointment?
- 4) Could you please tell me the name of the political party (for example, but not limited to the Labour Party, the Conservative Party) or party-political office said adviser(s) belonged to.

Response:

1) Within legislation the PCC are only permitted to appoint one Deputy PCC who is not politically restricted. No other paid positions are permitted under legislation.

2015/16 - 0  
2016/17 - 0  
2017/18 - 0  
2018/19 - 1 Deputy PCC  
2019/20 - 0  
2020/21 - 0

2) PCC Angus Mcpherson

Deputy PCC – Jerry Herbert – date of appointment: 01/08/2018 salary £18,000 per annum (pro rata) contracted to work 14 hours per week.

3) No information held

4) Conservative