

FOI 320

I write in connection with your request for information dated 31st March 2016 concerning payments made to Street Pastors/The Ascension Trust.

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 requestor. 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.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows:

You wrote:

I would like to know how much money Wiltshire and Swindon PCC have given to The Ascension Trust / Street Pastors in the financial years 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, as well as any payments made to date in the financial period 2016-2017.

The Ascension Trust's charity number is 1127204. The 'Street Pastors' is a project run by The Ascension Trust.

Can you please provide figures broken down into each financial year.

Response

In 2012/13 Warminster Street Pastors were awarded £600 from the Commissioner's Innovation Fund to help train new Street Pastors; pay for training, buy their uniforms and to cover running costs, with the aim of providing more regular Saturday evening patrols.

In 2013/14 Salisbury Street Pastors received £10,000 from the Commissioner's Innovation Fund to pay for uniforms and training towards monthly Thursday sessions in Salisbury. The grant was also to help pay for a new Street Pastor team to be set up in Amesbury in response to the demand from the local community.

There were no payments made to Street Pastors or The Ascension Trust for the years 2014-2015, 2015-2016 or 2016-2017 to date.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me, and been considered in the light of your request, within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.