

FOI 2020-500

I write in connection with your request for information dated 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 concerning information lodged against the PCC.

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:

I am requesting information on the operation of drug related diversion schemes being run by your constabulary, or third party schemes that involve partnership working with the police. I appreciate that this information will be recorded differently across all the different authorities receiving this request, and may not be readily available in the format, so I've further described the information I'd like to receive below. If you are unsure whether a scheme fits the criteria, please include it and I can judge whether or not it is relevant to my research.

1. A list of all the drug-related diversion schemes currently being used by your constabulary
2. A summary description of what each scheme does and how they work. Hopefully this will be present in a pre-existing document rather than having to be a newly written summary, but if so it does not need to be particularly long.
3. The number of people going through each scheme in the last year. Preferably this would be the financial year 2019/20, but please note if you can only provide a calendar year or the most recent 12 month period.
4. A document outlining the scope of the scheme - ideally I would like to see the most recent document that outlines the scheme or its efficacy. Where there are many such reports on a particular scheme, I would be happy with just the most recent – but feel free to send more.

Response:

The PCC commissions substance misuse and alcohol treatment services provided by Turning Point, through PCC funding of £175,372 per annum, in partnership and as part of a larger drug and alcohol service contract, with both Wiltshire and Swindon Local Authorities and Public Health teams.

The services provided includes mandatory CJS treatment programmes, community health work, harm reduction and group work. Police have strong links and are able to referral individuals into these services for assessments, interventions and support.

At this time, there are no specific drug related diversion schemes that are run by the constabulary.