

Request Reference: 3240/15

1. Could you please provide me with details on your force's forensic budget and expenditure on Forensic Science from 2010 to date and the same data prior to the financial market crash (i.e. from 2008/09).

While we are able to provide costs in relation to Forensic Science expenditure (on the basis below), because the below figures are taken from a number of areas within the force, providing budgets in relation to these is not be possible as some costs such as pay are not disaggregated and would form part of the central pay budget.

The figures split out and headed as Forensics costs in the following table are taken from the CIPFA returns section for Forensics and identify those specific non-pay costs which relate to forensic activities such as Livescan, pathologist costs, forensic and DNA analysis etc. Additionally we have spend on pay and running costs for the forensics department as a whole and other departments which also provide some services involving forensics. These are included within the additional pay and running costs section.

Table 1

Year	Total Forensics costs from CIPFA stats	Total additional pay and running costs	Grand Total
2008-09	£1,330,000	£10,291,000	£11,621,000
2009-10	£6,453,000	£5,522,000	£11,975,000
2010-11	£5,396,000	£13,295,000	£18,691,000
2011-12	£4,810,000	£11,652,000	£16,462,000
2012-13	£2,857,000	£11,033,000	£13,890,000
2013-14	£2,765,000	£11,095,000	£13,860,000
2014-15	£2,300,000	£9,151,000	£11,451,000
Total	£25,911,000	£72,039,000	£97,950,000

2. If this can be broken down into sub-categories, for example Major/volume crime.

Unfortunately it is not be possible to break this down by major/volume crime as the information is not recorded in this way on our finance system.

3. Could you also provide your overall budget figure for those years.Table 2

Financial Year	Total Revenue Expenditure £	Net Contributions from Reserves £	Net Budget Requirement £
2008-09	550,244,000	6,800,000	543,444,000
2009-10	570,570,000	7,000,000	563,570,000
2010-11	588,160,000	4,300,000	583,860,000
2011-12	577,553,000	0	577,553,000
2012-13	550,475,000	4,000,000	546,475,000
2013-14	559,020,000	2,350,000	556,670,000
2014-15	553,422,000	9,866,000	543,556,000

The figures in the table above can also be found within the budget reports published on the website of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner:

2008-09: These figures are quoted in the 2009-10 report

2009-10: http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/media/53507/06_PolAuth_12Feb09_Revenue_Budget_Programme.pdf

2010-11: http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/media/54618/06_PolAuth_18Feb2010_RevenueBudget_and_Capital_Programme.pdf

2011-12: http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/media/55928/06_PolAuth_17Feb2011_Revenue_Budget_and_Capital_Programme.pdf

2012-13: http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/media/57391/08_PolAuth_16Feb2012_Revenue_Budget_Report_2012_13.pdf

2013-14: http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/media/191182/wmpcc_008_2013_revenue_budget_2013-14.pdf

2014-15: <http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/media/279830/wmpcc-002-2014-revenue-budget-2014-15.pdf>