

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information in respect of your constabulary please?
This request for information is made under the relevant provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

How many Full Time Equivalent staff (police officers and civilian) does the force have in positions dedicated to preventing and detecting fraud and other economic crime?

Economic Crime Unit

Establishment 1 April 2016 - 61.79 staff in total

2. How much does the force spend on the provision of a counter fraud function, eg a Fraud Squad, every year, for the last 3 financial years?

13/14 – £2,478k

14/15 - £2,288k

15/16 - £2,932k

3. What is the budget of the force for preventing and detecting fraud?

The current budget for 2016/17 as follows:

Pay budget is centralised but an estimate for this would be £2.9m

Non Pay Budget - £176,100

4. Does the force pay any other organisation to provide staffing to investigate fraud?

No

5. If the answer to point 4 above is yes, please provide the total value of spend by the force, every year, for the last 3 financial years.

N/A

In addition to the above data West Midlands Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any other information relevant to this request as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of Section 23(5). See covering email.