

I am writing to ask that the following information in regards to the Forensic Budget of your force be provided via this Freedom of Information Request.

The specifics of the information being requested are provided below.

Whilst we are able to put together costs in relation to Forensic Science expenditure (on the basis below), as the below figures are taken from a number of areas within the force, providing budgets in relation to these would 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 below 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. This includes forensic scene investigation, fingerprint bureau, forensic evidence recovery, counter terrorism and digital forensics. These are included within the additional pay and running costs section.

All figures are rounded to the nearest £1000.

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
2015-16	£2,229,000	£8,807,250	£11,036,250
Total	£28,140,000	£80,846,250	£108,986,250

Specifications of Request: Please provide the total Forensic Science Annual Budget for the Police Force and if possible the forces expenditure on Forensic Science for this same time period.

Time Period: Budget given separately for each year since 2006 to present

The budget for Forensics is located in the Revenue Budget Precept Capital Budget published on the PCCs website:

<http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/transparency/record-of-decisions/2015/wmpcc-002-2015-revenue-budget-precept-capital-budget-2015-16/>