

**REQUEST**

**1.How much money, in pounds sterling, has the force paid police informants – known as Covert Human Intelligence Sources (CHIS) – in the past three financial years? (Please could the figures be broken down year-by-year and be provided for 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21).**

2022/2023 - £297,240

[CHIS Payments \(1119A/22\) - Freedom of Information - West Midlands Police \(west-midlands.police.uk\)](#)

**For each financial year please could the total amount paid to Covert Human Intelligence Sources be stated, as well as the number of Covert Human Intelligence Sources who received payment.**

This information is exempt by virtue of

Section 30(2) Confidential Sources

In addition, 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 the following exemptions:

Section 23(3) – Information supplied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies

Section 24(2) – National security

Section 30(3) Investigations by virtue of s30(2) Confidential Sources

No inference can be taken from this refusal that any further information relevant to your request does or does not exist.

**2.What was the largest amount paid to an informant/ Covert Human Intelligence Source (CHIS) by the force in each year? Please provide the amount of the largest payment to an informant each financial year. Please note, the amount should include the total of all payments to the informant in one financial year – for example, if the same informant received several payments in the financial year, please could the total amount for those payments be provided.**

This Information is exempt by virtue of

Section 30(2) Confidential Sources

Section 38(1) Health and Safety

Section 40(2) Personal Data