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Dear FOI Applicant,

Thank you for your freedom of information request received in this office on **28 January 2026** in which you asked:

'Please provide, for the period 1 April 2025 to 30 April 2025, the following records relating to the Police and Crime Commissioner:

1. *Diary / calendar entries*
 - *The PCC's official diary/calendar entries held by the OPCC in relation to official duties (including subject/title, date, start/end time, location, organiser/host, and attendees where recorded). Please redact personal data where required, but do not redact the identity of organisations or individuals acting in a professional capacity.*
2. *Meetings and engagements log*
 - *Any internal briefings, meeting notes, visit notes, or engagement records associated with those diary entries.*
3. *Hospitality declarations / offers*
 - *Any gifts/hospitality declarations (accepted or declined) recorded in April 2025, including draft entries, internal emails discussing whether an entry should be recorded, and any approvals/refusals.*

If the OPCC considers full diary disclosure exempt, please provide the diary as a schedule of engagements (date/time/location/host organisation) and/or provide the diary with necessary redactions while retaining event descriptors.'

In response to questions 1 and 2, I can confirm that our data are not organised in such a way as to allow us to provide this information within the appropriate (cost) limit within the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act (see 'Reason for Decision' below).

However rather than refusing your request outright at this stage, I would like to explore with you how the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) may best assist you to request relevant information which we hold. Within the cost limit we could conduct the following searches:

- any specific diary entries/dates/etc you are interested in
- or, we may be able to provide you with a print screen of the calendar with date/time/title/etc but not complete diary entries (location/attendees/records)

Please note that any located information might be subject to the application of exemptions under the Act.

To enable us to proceed with your request I would be grateful if you could confirm whether you wish us to undertake either of the searches outlined above. After receiving your reply, your request will be considered and you will receive a response within the statutory timescale of 20 working days, as defined by the Act, subject to the application of any statutory exemptions. If you chose not to respond then your request will remain unanswered.

REASON FOR DECISION

Please note that researching each individual case would exceed the appropriate limit (FOIA, s.12). The cost of compliance with the whole of your request is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond, i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information would exceed the appropriate costs limit under section 12(1) of the FOI Act 2000. For the OPCC, the appropriate limit is set at £450, as prescribed by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, S.I. 3244.

Further information on section 12 of FOI is available here:

<https://www.app.college.police.uk/app-content/information-management/freedom-of-information/#fees-and-charges>

In response to question 3, under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available on the following website - [Gifts & Hospitality - West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner](#)

Freedom of Information Right of Appeal

Any person who has requested information from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and is unhappy with the way their request for information has been handled can request a review of their case.

A request for review must be made in writing by letter or email. You should include the reference number of your request if you have it, and outline why you are requesting the review to:

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Lloyd House
Birmingham
B4 6NQ

Telephone: 0121 626 6060
Email: wmpcc@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

All requests for review will be recorded. Receipt of a request for internal review will be acknowledged and the appellant informed of an estimated date for determining the outcome. The OPCC will attempt to respond to internal reviews as soon as practicable and in any case within two months.

All investigations will be undertaken by someone not involved in the original response.

The result of any internal review will be communicated to the appellant outlining the decisions taken.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45

Website: www.ico.gov.uk

There is no charge for making a request for internal review or appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Fuller', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Alethea Fuller
Deputy Chief Executive