

26th October 2020

**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20202094**

**REQUEST**

***I wrote to you earlier to request information about the cost of policing the trees conflict. Your response referred to information being provided at a later date. On the grounds of accountability to the Sheffield tax payer, I would like to ask once again, what the costs were in policing the trees conflict? I would like, if possible, a month by month breakdown.***

***My second question refers to police uniforms, as I am doing research on this. Can you provide information please about the uniform a Detective Chief Inspector would wear, whilst in the office?***

**CLARIFICATION**

Please could you clarify the following point(s): -

Q1- Details on this subject has have been released previously at local STAG meetings and details can be found below:

<https://www.thestar.co.uk/news/sheffield-tree-felling-cost-police-aps47k-overtime-less-month-436149>

<https://www.thestar.co.uk/news/dismay-cost-policing-tree-protests-sheffield-300471>

Most Officer costs to any Operation would be covered under normal policing duties. No finance code is allocated to an officer involved as part of their normal working day and duties.

Q2 – We could provide a section of the force uniform policy, Pi45.10 Appearance & Standards if this would be useful for your research?

**FROM THE REQUESTER**

***Re costs of policing trees dispute - the articles indicate the overtime costs but I am not clear as to whether this is the only cost in terms of policing the dispute***

***So my question is, is this the only cost: the figure of £47000 or is this singularly the cost of overtime on top of normal policing costs?  
And secondly, if so, can you provide figures for normal costs outside of overtime for policing the trees dispute please***

***My last question***

***Could you please provide a section of the force uniform policy, Pi45.10 Appearance & Standards as this would be useful for my research***

## **CLARIFICATION**

We do not separately record daily officer costs to any Operation as these would be covered in normal policing duties. No finance code is allocated to an officer involved as part of their normal working day and duties.

A Finance code would be attached to Overtime taken in the course of an Operation. Would that be useful? Can you also clarify the date parameters?

## **FROM THE REQUESTER**

***Can you provide information about the cost of normal policing duties?***

***And if so from October 2017 to March 26th 2018?***

***Can you also supply Finance Code/Overtime costs during operation period from October 2017 to March 26th 2018?***

***Would you also kindly provide information about force uniform policy, Pi45.10 Appearance & Standards as this would be useful for my research - in particular, the role of Detective Chief Inspector.***

***Would a D.C.I. wear formal police uniform, white shirt, black epaulettes, or just a normal suit and tie?***

## **RESPONSE**

### **Q1 –**

We have released previously costs of Op Testate and Op Quito on request 20190276.

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/right-to-information/categories-of-significant-interest/freedom-of-information-requests-op-quito-op-testate/op-quito-ref-20190276/>

I recontacted our Finance Department for any further updated OT costs and a monthly breakdown for your request. They have provided the following table:

| Year/Month | Jan-18 | Feb-18   | Mar-18    | Apr-18    | May-18   | Jun-18 | Jul-18 | Aug-18 | TOTAL      |
|------------|--------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
|            | 0      | 1,109.60 | 87,346.70 | 12,724.37 | 8,654.50 | 559.95 | 425.2  | 919    | 111,739.32 |

Please note

- Further Officer costs would just be covered under normal policing duties. No finance code is allocated to an officer involved as part of their normal working day and duties. This breakdown is not recorded.

### **Q2 –**

I approached our HR department for assistance with your request. All SYP employees follow our Appearance and Standards policy in regards uniform and their appearance. HR have provide the recorded information we hold in regards to Uniform and Appearance. Please see the attached document.