

Dear , thank you for your Freedom of Information request below:

Over each of the last 5 years (that is, calendar, or if you prefer, financial, years) to which 5 sets of barristers' chambers ("the Top 5 Chambers") have you sent the most sets of instructions to members of those sets of chambers for that year, whether directly through 'in house' lawyers or indirectly through external solicitors;

2. In relation to each of the last 5 years, of each of the Top 5 Chambers, the total number of sets of individual instructions sent to their members, whether directly through 'in house' lawyers or indirectly through external solicitors;

3. In relation to each of the last 5 years, of each of the Top 5 Chambers, the total amount of money **excluding value added tax** that you have paid to their members during the above period, whether directly or indirectly through external solicitors;

4. In relation to each of the last 5 years, of each of the Top 5 Chambers, the smallest and largest hourly rate charged by *junior* counsel (**excluding value added tax**) in each of those sets of chambers and the smallest and largest hourly rate charged by *leading* counsel (**excluding value added tax**) in each of those sets of chambers;

5. In relation to instruction of counsel (whether directly through 'in house' lawyers or indirectly through external solicitors), any written policy you have in relation thereto;

We have checked our records and can advise that we have no information held as the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside/ Humberside Police Authority have had no requirement to instruct Chambers/barristers in the last 5 years.

The only time that a QC has been utilised has been when there has been a requirement for a chair of a Police Appeals Tribunal – in those instances a QC is selected from a list maintained by the Home Office and fees are paid in accordance with Home Office guidance.

I hope you find this information useful. If you think that we have not supplied information in accordance with our Publication Scheme or under general rights of access then you have the right to ask for an internal review. Any request for an internal review should be made within 30 days and addressed to:

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We would aim to complete an internal review within 20 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Louise Johnson