

Dear , thank you for your request for information.

The information that you are requesting is not held by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside but may be held by Humberside Police. We did, however, have a far less specific request in relation to the funeral and the cost to the taxpayer which we enquired about with Humberside Police and responded to as follows:

"Dear #, regarding your email below, I apologise for the delay in responding. As this information is not held within the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office such a request would normally be transferred to Humberside Police for handling. However, due to the sensitivity of the information that you have requested enquiries have been made by this office.

Whilst I cannot go into specific detail regarding who paid for what, as I am sure you will appreciate that the family have rights as do we all regarding our personal information under the Data Protection Act, I can advise you that there was no contribution from the public purse to the actual cost of the funeral.

In terms of attendance, the horse and motorcycles were provided free from South Yorkshire, the only cost being fuel, with officers either dedicated to the escort (which they would as part of their normal duties, or working voluntarily because of the event). Of the officers who attended, they were spread across various venues and greeted the cortege as part of their normal tour at key locations.

Of those officers who attended the funeral, 40 % attended on their rest day, 60% were working and either attended at the end of their duty time or before it began incurring no loss to public service. Gaps in resourcing were made up from officers and staff who volunteered to work on their day off, free of charge, to support colleagues who wanted to attend. There were no claims for expenses or overtime.

Clearly Police funerals are a very overt event and fortunately they happen very infrequently. At the time the officer was on duty and serving the public, therefore it was felt to be only right that he be offered the send-off he deserved. At the same time as honouring the officer, the Force were very aware of the need to maintain services, there was limited abstraction and that was supported by colleagues who worked for free. In terms of the cost to the public purse, as outlined above, this was very limited and considered proportionate to the service given by the officer in his lifetime."

I appreciate that this does not fully answer the questions that you have raised but would re-iterate that we do not hold the detailed information that you are seeking. If, after receiving this response, you still wish to pursue the specific answers to your questions then you would need to re-direct your request to Humberside Police at the following address InformationComplianceUnit@humberside.pnn.police.uk.

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: Martin Scoble, Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside, Tower Grange Police Station, Holderness Road, Hull HU8 9HP or by e-mail to pcc@humberside.pnn.police.uk. We would aim to complete an internal review within 20 working days.

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If you are not content with the outcome of the 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

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