

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS AND RESPONSES**  
**2019 Office of the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner**

001	11.01.19	Number of police based at Brentwood and Chelmsford police stations	This information is not held by the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex - referred to the appropriate authority to respond.
002	21.01.19	Request for copy of police advice/special orders to supply information to DWP regarding disabled people taking part in protests.	This information is not held by the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex - referred to the appropriate authority to respond
003	23.01.19	Request for all communication / correspondence between OPFCC and Essex Police relating to Operation Sands / Shoebury Sex Ring Case.	PDF of redacted documentation supplied. Available from OPFCC on request.
004	12.02.19	Request for Appendix C in reports to the Police & Crime Panel of 24.01.19	PDF of document supplied. Available from OPFCC on request.
005	19.02.19	Request for names of decision makers for IT/Procurement/Telecoms	This information is not held by the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex - referred to the appropriate authority to respond
006	19.02.19	Request for the agendas, associated reports and minutes of any meeting at which the Shoebury Sex Ring case was discussed between January 2016 and the present day. These include, but are not limited to, PCC/CC meetings.	PDF of redacted documentation supplied. Available from OPFCC on request.
007	25.02.19	Request regarding sale of police houses in Chaplin close to Basildon	This information is not held by the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex - referred to the appropriate authority to respond
008	22.02.19	Request for agenda, associated reports and minutes of any meeting - particularly PCC/CC meetings - at which the topic of the Shoebury paedophile ring has been discussed. (1) Correspondence and documents created Jan 1 - Jun 30, 2016. (2) contain the word 'Shoebury' and also contain any of the following 3 phrases: paedophile ring, sex ring, child abuse. 3) contain the names xxx or xxx	PDF of redacted documentation supplied. Available from OPFCC on request.

009	12.02.19	Please provide all Performance Indicator reports based on Sexual Assault Referral Centre Indicators of Performance in SARCs since the onset of SARCIPs (2017)	PDF of documents supplied. Available from OPFCC on request.
010	05.03.19	Please provide me copies of OPFCC expenditure with suppliers file in excel or csv format for the periods October 2018	The information requested is published on the following website: <a href="http://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk">www.essex.pfcc.police.uk</a> and will be published once we receive the information from Essex Police.
012	06.03.19	The number of collisions involving police motor vehicles (both injury and non-injury) each year for the last three years	This information is not held by the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex - referred to the appropriate authority to respond
013	26.03.19	<p>1 .How many officers and civilian staff in your force are connected to or participate in hunting/foxhunting/are members of hunts</p> <p>2 .Is hunting/foxhunting a declarable interest or association</p> <p>3. If any officers and civilian staff in your force are connected to or participate in hunting/foxhunting/are members of hunts, how many are attached to or work on rural crime teams</p>	<p>1. We do not hold this information regarding Essex Police in the OPFCC however you can raise a FOI request directly online with Essex Police via their website: <a href="https://www.essex.police.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/">https://www.essex.police.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/</a></p> <p>2. Hunting and rural pursuits per se are not a declarable interest. Fox hunting is illegal and any officer/staff member declaring that they engage in this activity would be, in effect, declaring that they are doing something illegal.</p> <p>3. Rural Crime is a priority for the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex, and is an integral part of the Police and Crime Plan. The impact of crime and anti-social behaviour on victims and communities can be greater in rural areas where there are fewer local amenities and support services and people can feel more isolated and vulnerable. In October 2017, Essex Police introduced the Gypsy, Traveller and Rural Engagement Team (GTRET) based within the local policing support unit at Essex Police headquarters, providing a county-wide resource. The team concentrate on unauthorised traveller encampments, hare coursing and fly tipping and engage with rural communities to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. In addition to the GTRET, all officers within Essex Police are responsible for addressing rural crime issues. A copy of the Essex Police Rural Crime Strategy can be viewed here: <a href="http://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Essex-Police-Rural-Crime-Strategy-2017.pdf">http://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Essex-Police-Rural-Crime-Strategy-2017.pdf</a></p>
014	10.04.19	Request for confirmation of remuneration for member of Police and Crime Panel for Essex	This information is not held by the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex – referred to the appropriate authority to respond.
015	18.04.19	Request for information on OPFCC staff – job titles, salary, pay band etc.	Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner – On website Deputy Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner – On website Chief Executive – On website

			<p>Chief of Finance (Treasurer) – On website  Head of Performance &amp; Scrutiny (Police) – PO 5  Head of Performance and Scrutiny (Fire) – PO 5  Financial Scrutiny Officer – PO 3  Assistant Director Comms &amp; Engagement – SPS 3  Communications and Engagement Manager – PO 4  Complaints &amp; Correspondence Officer – SO 1  Media and Engagement Assistant – SCALE 5  Communication &amp; Engagement Officer – SO 1  Assistant Director of Commissioning – SPS 3  ERJ Development Manager – PO 3  Community Safety &amp; Reducing Reoffending Manager – PO 3  Commissioning Support Officer – PO 2  Essex Restorative &amp; Mediation Admin – SCALE 4  Essex Restorative &amp; Med Service Coordinator – SCALE 6  Essex Restorative Justice Hub Coordinator – SCALE 6  Executive Assistant &amp; Office Manager – SO 2  Boards Support Officer – SCALE 6  PA to Chief Executive &amp; Treasurer – SCALE 6  Business Support Officer – SCALE 4</p>
016	12.06.19	Request to PFCC on his personal views/opinions re a specific case	This information is not held by the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex
017	01.07.19	As the elected representative of the citizens of this county could you please confirm you will ensure that all individuals' legal and constitutional rights as per our legal code are upheld?	This information is not held by the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex.
017 (a)	04.07.19	Refer to the oath of impartiality (FOI 17) Please confirm this is defined as ensuring their constitutional and legal rights.	This information is not held by the Office of the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner.
018	05.07.19	Redirected to OPFCC from EP: 1) In each of the past 3 financial yrs (2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19), how many times PFCC applied for a certificate of forfeiture for an officer's pension after they were convicted of a criminal offence? 2) On how many of these occasions was the certificate a) granted by the Home Secretary and b) rejected by the Home Secretary. 3) In cases where the certificate was not granted, please provide details.	This information is not held by the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex

019	09.07.19	1) Did your PCC office submit evidence to the consultation 'Powers for dealing with unauthorised development and encampments' in 2018? 2) If your PCC's office submitted evidence to this consultation, could you please provide us with your full responses to questions 6, 7, and 8, as they are stated within the consultation? 3) Can you also provide us with an e-copy, or hard copy, of your full consultation submission to this consultation?	Consultation response provided.
020	16.07.19	Re the College of Policing policy to ensure all entrants into Police Forces as Constables have obtained or will obtain a degree. Chief Constable of Lincolnshire Police has submitted a Judicial Review claiming it will cost Force the equivalent of 40 Officers. Can you please confirm: 1: There is a written record that your Force has considered the implications of this Policy. 2. The contents of this record, in terms of whom was present and the decision and 3. What are the implications for the Force in terms of abstractions (equivalent Officers per day) if this Policy is introduced?	Exemption applied to request under sections 31, 36, 41 and 43 of the Freedom of Information Act. Requestor advised to contact Essex Police for any available information
021	26.07.19	Request for correspondence regarding a previous case between a member of staff in the Restorative Justice team at OPFCC, a participant, and a member of staff at Braintree District Council between 01 May 2018 and 31 Dec 2018.	Provided record entries regarding correspondence between 01/05/2018 and 31/12/2018.
022	29.07.19	Request regarding Subject Access Requests (SAR): 1. Do you have a backlog of SARs i.e. that have not been completed within the statutory time limit of 1 month? 2 .If the answer to question 1 above is yes, how many SARs do you have that are over the statutory time limit? 3. Out of the figure provided in response to question 2 above, how many overdue SARs are:(i) Up to 1 month overdue, (ii) Over 1 month overdue	Response sent confirming the Office of the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner does not have a backlog of Subject Access Requests.
023	14.08.19	How many times did the PCC/Mayor write directly to the former Prime Minister Rt Hon Theresa May MP during her time in office both as Prime Minister and Home Secretary for the following reasons: (A) Raising concerns that budget cuts were having a detrimental effect on policing? (B) Requested more money? - How much was requested, how much was given (if any)? (C): Raised concerns that budget cuts were putting officers at risk	This information is not held by the Office of the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner.
024	27.08.19	Please can you provide files relating to disclosure of payments to suppliers in CSV or XLS format for April 2019 – present, as they do not appear to be published on the website? Please include payment date, supplier name, expense area and type, and amount paid. Alternatively, if this is on your website please can you provide the relevant web page link?	Confirmed information is published on the following website: <a href="http://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk">www.essex.pfcc.police.uk</a> and will be published once information received from Essex Police.

025	12.09.19	Request regarding Essex and Southend's police estate. (a) Are Leigh-On-Sea and Southchurch police buildings still manned by police & staff? Will this be the case in the coming years? (b) Would police stations without front counter services be re-opened to the public if police budgets increased further? (c) Has Essex Police considered how it would accommodate additional staff with less property assets and space? (d) Does Essex Police recognise that using shared locations in the community for budgetary reasons could risk lives and increase 999 response times, unless these buildings are fit for policing purposes?	<p>(a) Leigh On Sea Police Station is currently utilised and therefore staff and officers are based there. Essex Police' estate reduction from approx 80 buildings to 30 saving £30m of back-log maintenance and £2m per annum in ongoing revenue costs, Leigh Police Station was announced for disposal as part of these plans in 2015 and there are ongoing plans to re-locate the staff to alternative facilities to make the asset surplus. Please clarify the building you are referring to as Southchurch.</p> <p>(b) There are no plans to re-open any public front counter services. (c) Yes, Essex Police is implementing a programme of agile and flexible working. By enabling officers to have modern IT technology, thus reducing return visits to stations, they remain more visible within the community. An ongoing investment programme within Essex Police' retained estate to make space more efficient has seen Southend Police Station already significantly benefit. (d) Providing an effective and efficient police estate that support the operational activity of Essex Police is central to the police' estates strategy. All buildings used by Essex police are fully assessed to ensure they offer suitable accommodation and support the operational activity of the police. Wherever possible we want our officers to be out in their communities visible and engaging with the public. We are investing in modern technology to help them be more mobile so they can spend less time in police stations and more being effective in their communities. To read the full Police Estates Strategy please click on the link: <a href="https://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Estates-Strategy-2018.pdf">https://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Estates-Strategy-2018.pdf</a></p>
026	15.10.19	Amount and details that OPFCC has spent on PCC merchandise since 2012.	<p>2012-2017: Nil</p> <p>2017/18: 300 Lanyards and card holders @ £420, 1 tablecloth @ £62 500 Rural Crime canvas bags @ £451.80 250 Rural Crime Pens @ £250 200 Branded document wallets @ £160</p> <p>2018/19: 1 Branded Banner stand and Banner @ £87</p> <p>2019/20: 200 Lanyards &amp; card holders @ £330 250 Pens @ £251, 2 Banners @ £104 5000 Branded card defenders @ £1500 200 Branded document wallets @ £327.97 500 Rural Crime Bags @ £408</p>
027	26.10.19	<p>1. Annual costs associated with Essex Police Authority v Police and Crime Commissioner when it was initially set up.</p> <p>2. Savings achieved from the Police and Fire Service collaboration.</p>	<p>1. The cost for the running of EPA and for the OPCC / OPFCC has been provided below, broken down on an annual basis;</p> <p>2010-2011: £1.232m – EPA                      2011-2012 £1.191m – EPA</p>

			<p>2012-2013: £1.022m – EPA/OPCC      2013-2014: £1.073m – OPCC  2014-2015: £1.201m – OPCC            2015-2016: £1.211m – OPCC  2016-2017: £1.23m - OPFCC            2017-2018: £1.28m - OPFCC  2018-2019: £1.27m - OPFCC</p> <p>It should be noted the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex has a significantly more extensive programme of commissioning, public engagement and scrutiny, as compared with the former Police Authority including governance of PFCCFRA now.</p> <p>2. The Local Business Case approved by the Home Office in 2017 stated that it was anticipated benefits would be achieved between £15.9 and £23.8m over ten years. To date the programme has profiled benefits of £13.6m over the ten year period.</p>
028	03.11.19	During the October Extinction Rebellion protests in London, how many man-hours of Essex Police resources were used and what was the cost?	This information is not held by the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex - referred to the appropriate authority to respond
029	10.11.19	<p>1. Please provide the list of priorities, by type of crime, which your force is instructed to abide by when allocating investigative resource; specifically to include the priorities of social media crime, wildlife crime, domestic terrorism, and breaches of the Hunting Act.</p> <p>2. Breaches of the Hunting Act are not recordable crimes as per the police/Home Office Orange Book. Why? Do you have plans to make hunting crime recordable?</p> <p>3. Are there any Operations running in your force or as a cross-border collaboration with other forces which target hunt saboteurs?</p> <p>4. Are there, or have there ever been, any Operations running or about to run in your force or as a cross-border collaboration with other forces which focus in any way on information gathering/sharing for the purpose of classifying / recommending for classification and / or proscription of the Hunt Saboteur Association as Domestic Terrorists?</p>	Questions 1-4: This information is not held by the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex - referred to the appropriate authority to respond

		<p>5. Are there, or have there ever been, any discussions between you and/or your office/staff with any other police force/government agency/political party/the Home Office and/or members of the current Conservative government which focus(ed) in any way on information gathering/sharing for the purpose of classifying/recommending for classification and/or proscription of the Hunt Saboteur Association as Domestic Terrorists?</p> <p>6. Are there, or have there ever been, any discussions between you and/or your office/staff with the Countryside Alliance and/or Vote OK which focus(ed) in any way on information gathering/sharing for the purpose of classifying/recommending for classification and/or proscription of the Hunt Saboteur Association as Domestic Terrorists?</p>	<p>Questions 5 – 6: The Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides public access to information held by public authorities and covers any recorded information that is held by a public authority in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and by UK-wide public authorities based in Scotland. Recorded information includes printed documents, computer files, letters, emails, photographs, and sound or video recordings. It does not cover discussions held between staff etc.; therefore is not included in this request.</p>
030	19.11.19	<p>1) Please provide a list of all employee roles who are employed by your authority and are subject to the provisions as set out in the Official Secrets Acts 1911-1989?</p> <p>2) Please provide a disclosure of the format used by your authority which requires the signature of any role holder who is subject to provisions as set out in the Official Secrets Acts 1911-1989 such as an "Official Secrets Acts &amp; Confidentiality Declaration"</p>	<p>1. All roles including that of the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner are subject to provisions as set out in the Official Secrets Acts 1911-1989.</p> <p>2. Copy of Section 13 Confidentiality Declaration of the vetting procedure provided – available on request to OPFCC.</p>
032	03.12.19	<p>1. Is the current PFCC, or have they ever been, a member of the Countryside Alliance and if so on what date did they join and/or resign?</p> <p>2. Is the current PFCC, or have they ever been, in any way connected with the organisation Vote-OK?</p> <p>3. Is the current PFCC, or have they ever been, a member of or in any way connected with any fox hunt?</p> <p>4. Is the current PFCC, or have they ever been, a member of or in any way connected with any form of blood sports?</p>	<p>This information is not held by the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex</p>