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“1. Does the Force’s Police and Crime Panel include representatives of local health bodes (in particular Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) or Health and Well-Being Boards (HAWB)? Where your force area contains multiple HAWBs/CCGs how many of these are represented on the panel?

2. Does the Force’s Police and Crime Panel include member selected for their expertise in (a) drug/substance abuse, (b) alcohol abuse or (c) both?

3. How much did the Force spend on drug intervention projects (or equivalent schemes) in 2012/13 and 2013/14?

4. How much funding has been allocated for drug intervention projects (or equivalent schemes) in 2014/15?”

Your request for information has now been considered.

The information held by the Office for Policing and Crime which falls within the terms of your request is as follows:

Question 4

In 2013-14, in addition to the Home Office Police Main Grant and other specific Home Office police grants police and crime commissioners received funding from the new Home Office Community Safety Fund (CSF).

The Commissioner decided to passport monies from the CSF to the Local Policing and Crime Board in each local authority area, and the priorities for action and spending decisions are agreed at a local level by each Board. It is a matter for each Board to determine the local priorities and allocate funds accordingly, and this includes the decision regarding spend on drug intervention projects at a local level.

A report was submitted to the Strategic Policing and Crime Board on 11 June 2013 with the title ‘Update on the Community Safety Fund and Community Safety Partnership Spending Plans 2013-14’, and this report sets out the way in which these funds have been allocated. The appendices to the report also set out the more detailed spending plans for each local Policing and Crime Board. You can view a copy of this report on the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner’s website

<http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/strategic-policing-and-crime-board/spcb-dates-of-meetings-and-reports/spcb-agendas,-minutes-and-reports>

In response to the remainder of your request the West Midlands Office for Policing and Crime cannot identify any specific records and/or documents that will satisfy your request, based on the details you have provided. However:

Questions 1 and 2

The information you request for questions 1 and 2 may be held by the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel.

If you would like to contact the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel directly their details are:

West Midlands Police and Crime Panel
Scrutiny Office
Council House
Victoria Square
Birmingham
B1 1BB

Telephone: 0121 464 6871

Email: wmpcp@birmingham.gov.uk

If you would like me to forward your request to the panel please let me know.

Question 3

The information you request for question 3 may be held by West Midlands Police.

If you would like to contact the West Midlands Police Freedom of Information Unit directly their details are:

Freedom of Information Unit
West Midlands Police
PO Box 52, Lloyd House
Colmore Circus Queensway
Birmingham
B4 6NQ

Fax: 0121 626 5291

Email: foi@west-midlands.police.uk

If you would like me to forward your request to the unit please let me know.