

Please ask for : Alethea Fuller
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Our Reference: 2024-00546
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Dear FOI Applicant,

Thank you for your freedom of information request received in this office on **12 June** 2024 in which you asked:

'What is the police and crime commissioner currently doing to combat knife crime?

Please supply details of current initiatives.

What has been spent in £ on these initiatives?

Please supply figures in calendar years for 2018 through to 2023.'

In response to your request, I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) holds the following information.

I can confirm that details of what the Police and Crime Commissioner is currently doing to combat knife crime, and our current initiatives, are already publicly available, and can be found in his Police and Crime Plan, which can be found on our website via the following link - [Police & Crime Plan - West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner \(westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk)

Further information can also be found on the Violence Reduction Partnership's (VRP) website - [West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership \(westmidlands-vrp.org\)](https://www.westmidlands-vrp.org) and in their 2023-2026 VRP Strategy - [Data and Insight Hub \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)

I can confirm that the OPCC cannot provide spend data in annual years because the information is not available in that format. If you wish to resubmit your request in a way that is worded differently then we would be happy to assist.

Freedom of Information Right of Appeal

Any person who has requested information from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and is unhappy with the way their request for information has been handled can request a review of their case.

A request for review must be made in writing by letter or email. You should include the reference number of your request if you have it, and outline why you are requesting the review to:

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Lloyd House
Birmingham
B4 6NQ

Telephone: 0121 626 6060
Email: wmpcc@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

All requests for review will be recorded. Receipt of a request for internal review will be acknowledged and the appellant informed of an estimated date for determining the outcome. The OPCC will attempt to respond to internal reviews as soon as practicable and in any case within two months.

All investigations will be undertaken by someone not involved in the original response.

The result of any internal review will be communicated to the appellant outlining the decisions taken.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

There is no charge for making a request for internal review or appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Fuller', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Alethea Fuller
Deputy Chief Executive