

Reply to: Leah Smith

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Dear Member of public,

Freedom of Information Request FOI/OPCCN/198

I am writing in connection with your email dated 10 March 2021, in which you requested the following information:

“Please can you break down the following information for the financial years: 2015/6, 2016/7, 2017/8, 2018/9 and 2019/20. Can you also please provide me the information for the period between 1 April 2020 and 28 February 2021.

Q1) How many "political advisers" were appointed by your force area's PCC over the stated period?

1a) Please can you tell me the name of the serving PCC at the time who hired such advisers, the combined yearly salaries of said political advisers (£), their full names and dates of appointment (in the format- DD/MM/YYYY).

1b) If the PCC had a deputy PCC below them, how many "political advisers" were appointed by the deputy PCC(s) over the stated period, and how many of them were party political office holders or active party members (please state) at the time of appointment?

For Q1b, could you please tell me the name of the political party (for example, but not limited to: the Labour Party, the Conservative Party) or party political office said adviser(s) belonged to.”

I have reviewed our records and I can advise the following:

1. No political advisors have been appointed by any PCC for the financial years of 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 nor between 1 April 2020 and 28 February 2021.
- 1a. PCC Lorne Green is the current serving PCC. For the financial year of 2015/16 PCC was Stephen Betts and deputy Jenny McKibben. No political advisors were appointed by any of these individuals.

1b. None.

Yours sincerely

L. Smith

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Internal Review

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