Reply to: Claire Buckley

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30th November 2017

Dear Member of Public

Freedom of Information Request FOI/OPCCN/131

I am writing in connection with your email dated 8th November 2017, in which you requested the following information:

"What is the daily rate you pay your legally qualified chair for misconduct panels? Are there any other fees you pay your LQC for any work related to misconduct hearings, preparations and report writing? If so, please give details

What is the daily rate you pay your supporting members of misconduct panels? Are there any other fees you pay to misconduct panel members for any relevant work? If so, please give details

Are officers subject to misconduct proceedings able to claim expenses, eg for travel? If so please give details

Please release full details of all expenses claimed in connection with misconduct hearings, investigation, preparation and reports, broken down by each hearing for the last twelve months

How many misconduct hearings have you held in the last twelve months and how long did they last for? "

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

What is the daily rate you pay your legally qualified chair for misconduct panels?

Full day i.e. sittings for more than 4 hours (excluding meal breaks) £366
Half day i.e. sittings of 4 hours or less (excluding meal breaks) £181

Are there any other fees you pay your LQC for any work related to misconduct hearings, preparations and report writing? If so, please give details

A fee may be claimed at the rate of £52.50 for each hour necessarily spent in preparatory work or report writing. It only may be claimed where it is necessary for the work to be undertaken on a day other than the day on which the hearing takes place (except that a fee may be claimed even in these circumstances if the hearing fee is paid at the half day rate). The maximum fees that may be claimed for preparation and report writing is £750 for each misconduct hearing.

Travel expenses for the Chair of a misconduct hearing are paid between residence and place of duty. Rail travel may be undertaken by standard class rail travel and travel by car at 45p per mile (as per the HMRC rates).

What is the daily rate you pay your supporting members of misconduct panels?

No information held.

Are there any other fees you pay to misconduct panel members for any relevant work? If so, please give details

No information held.

Are officers subject to misconduct proceedings able to claim expenses, eg for travel? If so please give details

No information held.

Please release full details of all expenses claimed in connection with misconduct hearings, investigation, preparation and reports, broken down by each hearing for the last twelve months

No information held.

How many misconduct hearings have you held in the last twelve months and how long did they last for?

Up until August 2017, 4 hearings have been held in Norfolk, however no information is held regarding the length of the hearings.

Yours sincerely

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Claire Buckley
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For Norfolk.

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