

APPENDIX

A series of Freedom of Information requests (FOIs) were sent to all 39 police forces in England requesting the following:

1. The number of Roads Policing Officers within your police force;
2. The roads policing budget within your police force, as a total, and as a percentage of your total operational budget;
3. The total roads policing budget man hours within your force for the following years (if you do not have a dedicated roads unit please state the man hours for officers covering this function) all covering the (financial) years 2011/12 to 2015/16.

Table 1 below outlines which forced a) replied, and b) were able to supply at least 5 years' worth of data in regard to each item.

Police force	Replied?	Item 1 – RPOs	Item 2 – Budget	Item 3 – Man hours
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	Yes	Not held	Not held	Not held
Bedfordshire Police ¹	Yes	Held only for 2015/16	Provided as tri-force figures with Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, and Hertfordshire Constabulary	Not held
Cambridgeshire Constabulary ²	Yes	Provided	Provided as tri-force figures with Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, and Hertfordshire Constabulary	Not held
Cheshire Constabulary	Yes	Provided	Provided	Not held
City of London Police	No	No response	No response	No response
Cleveland Police	No	No response	No response	No response
Cumbria Constabulary ³	Yes	Provided	Provided	Not held
Derbyshire Constabulary	Yes	Provided	Provided	Not held
Devon & Cornwall Police	Yes	Provided current figure only	Provided	Not held

Dorset Police	Yes	Provided for calendar years from 2014-17 only	Provided only for financial years 2013/14-2015/16	Not held
Durham Constabulary ⁴	Yes	Provided	Provided	Provided
Essex Police	Yes	Exceeds cost limit to retrieve	Exceeds cost limit to retrieve	Exceeds cost limit to retrieve
Gloucestershire Constabulary	Yes	Provided only for financial years 2011/12-2013/14	Provided	Provided only for financial years 2011/12-2013/14
Greater Manchester Police	Yes	Provided	Provided only for financial years 2011/12-2014/15	Not held
Hampshire Constabulary	Yes	Provided	Not held	Not held
Hertfordshire Constabulary ⁵	Yes	Held only for 2012/13-2015/16	Provided as tri-force figures with Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, and Hertfordshire Constabulary	Not held
Humberside Police	Yes	Provided	Provided	Provided
Kent Police	Yes	Directed to central government data ⁶	Directed to published accounts. Figures taken from Chief Constable Statement of Accounts from 2011/12-2016/17, under Road Policing, Gross expenditure.	Provided
Lancashire Constabulary	Yes	Provided	Provided	Provided
Leicestershire Police	Yes	Provided	Provided	Not provided
Lincolnshire Police	Yes	Provided	Provided only for financial years 2013/14-2016/17	Not provided
Merseyside Police	Yes	Directed to central government data ⁷	Provided	Not provided
Metropolitan Police Service	Yes	Provided only for financial years 2012/13-2015/16	Provided only for financial years 2011/12-2012/13	Provided only for financial years 2012/13-2015/16
Norfolk Constabulary	Yes	Provided	Provided only for financial years 2012/13-2015/16	Not held
North Yorkshire Police	No	No response	No response	No response
Northamptonshire Police	Yes	Provided	Provided only for financial years 2012/13-2015/16	Provided

Northumbria Police	Yes	Exceeds cost limit to retrieve	Exceeds cost limit to retrieve	Exceeds cost limit to retrieve
Nottinghamshire Police	Yes	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided
South Yorkshire Police	Yes	Provided only for financial years 2011/12-2014/15	Provided	Not held
Staffordshire Police	Yes	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided
Suffolk Constabulary	Yes	Provided	Provided only for financial years 2012/13-2015/16	Not held
Surrey Police	Yes	Provided	Directed to published accounts but no link provided	Not held
Sussex Police	No	No response	No response	No response
Thames Valley Police	Yes	Provided	Provided	Provided
Warwickshire Police	Yes	Provided only for calendar years 2014-2016	Directed to published accounts. Figures taken from Chief Constable Statement of Accounts from 2011/12-2016/17, under Road Policing, Gross expenditure.	Not held
West Mercia Police	Yes	Provided only for calendar years 2012-2016	Directed to published accounts. Figures taken from Chief Constable Statement of Accounts from 2011/12-2016/17, under Road Policing, Gross expenditure.	Not held
West Midlands Police ⁸	Yes	Provided	Provided	Not provided
West Yorkshire Police	Yes	Provided	Not provided	Not provided
Wiltshire Police	Yes	Provided	Provided only for financial years 2012/13-2015/16	Not held

Roads Policing Officer (RPO) numbers and man hours

The number of Roads Policing Officers within your police force covering the (financial) years 2011/12 to 2015/16. Where data has been supplied by calendar years, this has been aligned with the earlier part of the fiscal year.

Police force	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Cambridgeshire Constabulary	85	86	73	71	71
Cheshire Constabulary ⁹	76	91	74	63	88
Cumbria Constabulary	77	82	74	79	51
Derbyshire Constabulary ¹⁰	89	82	77	76	51
Durham Constabulary ¹¹	87	85	83	74	63
Greater Manchester Police	154	122	95	83	83
Hampshire Constabulary	186	163	163	163	162
Humberside Police	112	102	95	83	66
Lancashire Constabulary	143	136	135	109	112
Leicestershire Police	74	70	51	46	38
Lincolnshire Police ¹²	66	65	62	51	44
Metropolitan Police Service ¹³	-	375	351	360	382
Norfolk Constabulary	102	85	86	95	92
Northamptonshire Police	59	56	46	38	10
Suffolk Constabulary	57	85	81	84	80
Surrey Police	87	91	88	83	86
Thames Valley Police	199	180	175	172	180
West Midlands Police	264	253	170	165	153
West Yorkshire Police ¹⁴	218	218	218	132	132
Wiltshire Police	47	45	29	27	27

The total roads policing budget man hours within your force for the following years (if you do not have a dedicated roads unit please state the man hours for officers covering this function) all covering the (financial) years 2011/12 to 2015/16.

Police force	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Durham Constabulary ¹⁵	179,774	176,738	172,578	152,589	130,562
Humberside Police	146,302	135,694	126,854	118,014	91,936
Kent Police ¹⁶	212,071	209,702	190,313	170,671	159,643
Lancashire Constabulary	193,998	195,111	190,797	169,000	161,321
Northamptonshire Police	2,328	2,218	1,818	1,504	400
Thames Valley Police ¹⁷	513,760	422,240	413,920	411,840	403,520

Roads policing budget

The roads policing budget within your police force, as a total, and as a percentage of your total operational budget covering the (financial) years 2011/12 to 2015/16. Percentages rounded to one decimal place.¹⁸

Police force	2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15		2015/16	
	RP budget	% of total	RP budget	% of total	RP budget	% of total	RP budget	% of total	RP budget	% of total
Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, and Hertfordshire Constabulary	£15.9m	Not provided	£15.6m	Not provided	£15.3m	Not provided	£14.6m	Not provided	£14.5m	Not provided
Cheshire Constabulary ¹⁹	£395,000	2.0%	£374,000	2.0%	£393,000	2.0%	£463,000	3.0%	£537,000	6.0%
Cumbria Constabulary ²⁰	£193,000	4.0%	£236,000	5.0%	£236,000	5.0%	£180,000	4.0%	£153,000	4.0%
Derbyshire Constabulary	£9,435,000	4.9%	£9,440,000	4.9%	£7,133,000	3.9%	£6,532,000	3.7%	£5,805,000	3.3%
Devon & Cornwall Police ²¹	£8,000,000	2.6%	£8,100,000	2.8%	£7,200,000	2.5%	£6,200,000	2.2%	£6,300,000	2.2%
Durham Constabulary ²²	£5,155,000	6.0%	£5,190,000	6.0%	£4,930,000	5.0%	£4,864,000	5.0%	£4,107,000	5.0%
Gloucestershire Constabulary	£3,847,000	5.2%	£3,275,000	4.3%	£3,010,000	3.7%	£3,078,000	4.0%	£2,430,000	3.3%
Humberside Police	£4,381,220	2.4%	£3,948,550	2.3%	£3,894,010	2.2%	£3,580,030	2.0%	£3,578,580	2.1%
Kent Police ²³	£10,170,000	Not provided	£10,180,000	Not provided	£10,916,000	Not provided	£10,580,000	Not provided	£8,683,000	Not provided
Lancashire Constabulary	£8,548,462	3.1%	£8,556,843	3.2%	£8,765,220	3.4%	£7,205,180	2.7%	£7,232,403	2.8%
Leicestershire Police	£4,000,621	2.3%	£3,829,689	2.3%	£3,426,986	2.0%	£3,357,442	2.0%	£3,094,688	1.8%
Merseyside Police ²⁴	£8,742,000	24.8%	£8,411,000	24.8%	£8,333,000	25.6%	£6,737,000	22.0%	£6,836,000	22.0%
South Yorkshire Police ²⁵	£4,917,000	1.9%	£4,541,000	1.8%	£4,028,000	1.6%	£3,850,000	1.6%	£2,856,000	1.2%
Thames Valley Police	£13,030,236	Not provided	£12,408,544	Not provided	£11,946,836	Not provided	£12,177,045	Not provided	£12,008,222	Not provided
Warwickshire Police ²⁶	£6,031,000	Not provided	£5,139,000	Not provided	£2,743,000	Not provided	£4,350,000	Not provided	£4,563,000	Not provided
West Mercia Police ²⁷	£11,468,000	Not provided	£11,962,000	Not provided	£11,525,000	Not provided	£11,006,000	Not provided	£10,491,000	Not provided
West Midlands Police	£5,300,000	0.9%	£4,300,000	0.8%	£4,200,000	0.8%	£4,800,000	0.8%	£4,200,000	0.8%

FOOTNOTES

- 1 "The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data." (Cambridgeshire Constabulary, March 2017, personal communication).
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- 3 "Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive." (Cumbria Constabulary, April 2017, personal communication).
- 4 "Please note that Durham Constabulary's response to your request is unique and should not be used as a comparison with any other Force response you receive." (Durham Constabulary, March 2017, personal communication).
- 5 "The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data." (Cambridgeshire Constabulary, March 2017, personal communication).
- 6 Data contained in these sources for other forces who did respond to FOI requests for this item did not match the figures reported in these FOI responses. As such, these data were not included for this force as it seemed unsuitable to compare to the rest of the FOI reported information. This was done based on the assumption that each force would have made appropriate judgements in response to the specific questions raised in the FOI requests and as such, these data should be prioritised.
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- 8 "Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that these data have been extracted from a number of data sources used by forces for police purposes. The detail collected to respond specifically to your request is subject to the inaccuracies inherent in any large scale recording system. As a consequence, care should be taken to ensure data collection processes and their inevitable limitations are taken into account when interpreting those data. The figures provided therefore are our best interpretation of relevance of data to your request, but you should be aware that the collation of figures for ad hoc requests may have limitations and this should be taken into account when those data are used. If you decide to write an article / use the enclosed data we would ask you to take into consideration the factors highlighted in this document so as to not mislead members of the public or official bodies, or misrepresent the relevance of the whole or any part of this disclosed material." (West Midlands Police, April 2017, personal communication).
- 9 "Note that while we've tried to include all officers who can be considered roads policing, these figures may not be directly comparable due to the changing nature of the organisation over the period specified. Because roads policing duties have been carried out by different and changing teams in various ways over the last few years these figures won't always incorporate everyone who may have been completing roads policing duties, as the roles could cover different aspects of policing as well as roads based duties. What we have counted here is just those officers whose roles are 'Roads Policing' or 'Motorway'." (Cheshire Constabulary, March 2017, personal communication).
- 10 "Please be advised that the reduction in numbers does not necessarily mean that staff, who may have been moved to other roles, don't perform traffic patrol duties as part of those roles." (Derbyshire Constabulary, March 2017, personal communication).
- 11 "The following information is an average taken by counting the number of people in the Road Policing Unit at the start and end of each financial year, adding them together and dividing by two." (Durham Constabulary, March 2017, personal communication).
- 12 "Please also be aware that Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive." (Lincolnshire Police, April 2017, personal communication).
- 13 "Please note that the table provided related to traffic officers only." (Metropolitan Police Service, May 2017, personal communication).
- 14 "West Yorkshire Police underwent a significant organisational restructure in July 2014. The new operating model provides a flexible, multi-skilled approach to support Force objectives whilst still retaining capabilities in Roads Policing, Public Order and Specialist Search. Dedicated traffic officers are included in the new Safer Roads and Neighbourhood Support Teams (SRANS). In addition to SRANS, West Yorkshire Police also has a dedicated Major Collision Enquiry Team (MCET). The team has both roads policing officers and detectives and are led by a Detective Chief Inspector within the Protective Services Crime Department. MCET work closely with the Collision Investigation Unit (formerly the Accident Investigation Branch)." (West Yorkshire Police,

June 2017, personal communication).

- 15 "The following information is the average of hours worked based on the average full time employment over the requested periods." (Durham Constabulary, March 2017, personal communication).
- 16 "The figure is based on an average full-time equivalent figure for the financial year (1 April FTE + 31 March FTE ÷ 2) and based on a 40 hour working week, with part time workers pro rata." (Kent Police, March 2017, personal communication).
- 17 "Man hours based on establishment and expected hours worked are as below, but do not contain overtime, sick leave, maternity, training, supporting other policing functions or other factors." (Thames Valley Police, March 2017, personal communication).
- 18 Where both net and gross figures were provided, gross figures were used.
- 19 "We are unable to provide budgeted establishment of officers for this time period as we do not devolve Police Pay. The budget figures below represent only the devolved budget. The same applies with the total operational budget, the figures below represent only devolved budgets. In determining what is considered to be "operational", I have included the following: - Local Policing; Major Crime & Specialist Crime Units; Public Protection; Uniform Operations. The figures are not precise as there will be some elements of "middle office" function included in the figures and this explains the significant reduction in operational budget from 2014/15 to 2015/16 as this is when we had significant reorganisation of Areas to LPU's with a shift of resources to middle office departments such as Criminal Justice and Intelligence." (Cheshire Constabulary, March 2017, personal communication).
- 20 Here, roads policing budgets are calculated from the percentage of the total budget, and the total budget figures supplied.
- 21 "This money does not include the ARV budget which would also include a degree of Roads Policing spend. The figures quoted are for the pure Roads Policing budget only." (Devon & Cornwall, March 2017, personal communication).
- 22 "The following is the Road Policing Unit budgeted costs as defined by the HMIC Value for Money Profile and the Police Objective Analysis (POA) Guidance." (Durham Constabulary, March 2017, personal communication).
- 23 Please note, no percentage figures were calculated for this force, as no specified overall budget was provided or directed to.
- 24 "Operational budgets are all those classed in POA as Ops support. The data refers to the Roads Policing Unit and the percentage of the MSOC Budget of which RPU is one part." (Merseyside Police, March 2017, personal communication).
- 25 "The Road policing figures include a contribution to Regional Roads Policing until 2014/15 in addition to Force costs. The budget is the "Budget Requirement" taken from the group statutory accounts for each year. This includes the budget for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Force. It is unclear from the request how to define "Operational Budget". (South Yorkshire Police, March 2017, personal communication).
- 26 Please note, no percentage figures were calculated for this force, as no specified overall budget was provided or directed to.
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