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<u>Ref</u> <u>5023300</u> Back to top	<u>Grants and loans made to organisations</u>
<u>Request</u>	<p>Please provide the following information for 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21:</p> <p>The value of grants made to each of the organisations listed below. Please provide information for each of the three financial years separately, and list all grants separately.</p> <p>The value of loans made to each of the organisations listed below. Please provide the information for each of the three financial years separately, and list all loans separately.</p> <p>The payments made to charities and third sector organisations relate to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Royal Society for Public Health (RSPH)• Independent Sage• NHS Confederation• Keep our NHS public• SOS NHS• Care and Support Workers Organise• UNITED VOICES OF THE WORLD• Health Campaigns Together• Doctors for the NHS• We Own It• The People's Assembly

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Zero Covid Coalition</i> • <i>Health Campaign Together</i> • <i>Docs Not Cops</i> • <i>British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin</i> • <i>Association of Pakistani Physicians of Northern Europe</i> • <i>Royal College of General Practitioners</i> • <i>Royal College of Ophthalmology</i> • <i>Royal College of Psychiatrists</i> • <i>Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists</i>
<u>Response</u>	<p>The value of grants made to each of the organisations listed below. Please provide the information for each of the three financial years separately, and list all grants separately.</p> <p>Answer: None</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The value of loans made to each of the organisations listed below. Please provide the information for each of the three financial years separately, and list all loans separately. <p>Answer: None</p>
<u>Ref</u> <u>5023230</u> Back to top	<u>Deaths by suicide following contact with Cambridgeshire Police</u>
<u>Request</u>	<i>Figures for Cambridgeshire Police on the number of IOPC independent investigations relating to police contact due to a concern for welfare, where the person died by suicide. If possible could you give me the same information on other similar forces</i>
<u>Response</u>	<p>The IOPC reports annually, on a financial year basis, deaths during or following police contact. One category of death that is reported on is 'other deaths following police contact'. As noted in our previous correspondence this category is dependent on the death being subject to an independent investigation.</p> <p>Within this category, the deaths are further grouped based on the reason for contact with the police prior to their death. The categories of contact are grouped between 'concern for welfare' and 'other contact'. The most relevant group for your request is 'concern for welfare'. In these cases the main reason for contact between the police and the deceased is related to a concern for welfare. This could be raised in relation to a number of different themes regarding an individual's safety or wellbeing. The concern may be raised by the person themselves or by a third party.</p> <p>We also collect data on the classification of the death and the most relevant classification for your request is 'self-inflicted'. The classification of death is based on the information available at the time of reporting. Although we are able to provide figures on the number of deaths that</p>

appeared to be self-inflicted, whether a death was the result of suicide can only be determined by an inquest.

The timeframe reviewed for your request is deaths following police contact that occurred in 2020/21. We have not considered more recent deaths, because the reporting of deaths within this category will be included in our 2021/22 report 'Deaths during or following police contact: Statistics for England and Wales 2021/22. These cases are still in the process of being verified and checked.

We have provided figures for Cambridgeshire Constabulary alongside the police forces within Cambridgeshire Constabulary's 'Most Similar Force' (MSF) group. MSF groups are determined by the Home Office. They are groups of police force areas that have been found to be the most similar to each other based on an analysis of demographic, social and economic characteristics relating to crime. MSF groups are designed to help make a fairer comparison between police forces than the average of all forces across England and Wales can sometimes offer. Although caution should still be used in making comparisons between forces, even in the same MSF group.

Table 1 below gives the number of deaths in 2020/21 that were classed as 'other deaths following police contact', where the reason for contact fell within the 'concern for welfare group' and were classed as self-inflicted, for Cambridgeshire and the forces within Cambridgeshire's MSF group.

Table 1 - Self-inflicted deaths following police contact where reason for contact was 'concern for welfare' – 2020/21

Force	Number of deaths
Cambridgeshire	1
Avon and Somerset	1
Devon and Cornwall	1
Gloucestershire	0
Staffordshire	0
Thames Valley	2*
Warwickshire	0
Wiltshire	0

*_One death involved officers from both Thames Valley Police and Metropolitan Police

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Referral following the death of Leon McCaskre

Request

Why did the Metropolitan Police refer itself to the IOPC, following the death of Leon McCaskre, on January 31st?

Response

Following an assessment of a mandatory referral from the Metropolitan Police Service, the IOPC decided to independently investigate the contact

	<p>they had with Yasmin Chkaifi prior to her tragic death in Maida Vale on Monday 24 January. We will also be looking at the police response following the issue of a warrant for the arrest of Leon McCaskre on 4 January.</p> <p>This was a referral of a death or serious injury (DSI) matter, as defined in sub-section 2A of section 12 of the Police Reform Act 2002. Appropriate Authorities must refer all DSI matters to the IOPC. Both Mr McCaskre and Yasmin Chkaifi were named in the referral but we agreed with the MPS that there was no DSI matter relating to him based on the information available at that time.</p> <p>For further information relating to DSI matters, please see our Statutory Guidance.</p>
<p><u>Ref</u> <u>5023268</u> Back to top</p>	<p><u>Referrals regarding sexual misconduct by police officers</u></p>
<p><u>Request</u></p>	<p><i>How many complaints relating to sexual misconduct by police officers in England and Wales have been referred to the IOPC in the last 4 years (from November 2017 to November 2021) and how many have been upheld, broken down by each year?</i></p>
<p><u>Response</u></p>	<p>The IOPC does not extract data about allegations from the referrals it receives from police. While we record factors on our cases so that we can monitor trends and themes, these do not include a factor relating to sexual misconduct. This means that we could not find referrals relating to this allegation type by automated searches alone.</p> <p>We received over 17,000 referrals in the 4 years to 31 October 2021 We have therefore concluded that we are unable to provide the data you require without extensive manual searches of case documentation which would engage the cost limit under section 12 of the FOIA. For the IOPC the cost limit is set by Regulations at £450 or 18 hours work at £25 per hour.</p> <p>We can however direct you to some information that we have published about our work relating to 'abuse of position for a sexual purpose (APSP)', including related referrals received by the IOPC, our mode of investigation decisions on those referrals, and most recently, the outcomes in relation to completed IOPC independent investigations into APSP.</p> <p>APSP is defined as 'any behaviour by a police officer or police staff member, whether on or off duty, that takes advantage of their position as a member of the police service to misuse their position, authority or powers in order to pursue a sexual or improper emotional relationship with any member of the public'. This includes: committing a sexual act; initiating sexual contact with, or responding to, any perceived sexually motivated behaviour from another person; entering into any communication that could be perceived as sexually motivated or lewd; or for any other sexual purpose. This definition does not encompass all allegations that could fall under the heading of sexual misconduct but may help with your enquiry.</p> <p>We have released some information regarding allegations of sexual misconduct</p>

	<p>against police and referrals regarding abuse of power for sexual purposes in response to FOI requests and our responses can be found in our August 2021 disclosure log (see request 1009385) April 2021 Disclosure Log (see requests 1009156 and 1009157), and our February 2021 Disclosure Log – see request 1008904 (Referrals regarding abuse of position for a sexual purpose) and 1008915 (Allegations of abuse of position for a sexual purpose).</p> <p>Since providing the responses to these FOI requests, we have done some thematic work regarding outcomes of IOPC independent investigations involving allegations of APSP and this can be found here. Please note that this report does not include the outcomes of other APSP investigations, such as those carried out by police forces, and so does not represent the full extent of sanctions imposed in relation to APSP allegations.</p>
<p>Ref 5023290 Back to top</p>	<p><u>Misconduct allegations against PC John Apter Hampshire Constabulary</u></p>
<p><u>Request</u></p>	<p><i>Could you tell me;</i></p> <p><i>i) What criminal and misconduct allegations have been made against PC John Apter from Hampshire Constabulary?</i></p> <p><i>ii) The current status of the criminal investigation and/or any misconduct investigation?</i></p> <p><i>You should be aware that I was informed in writing by Hampshire Constabulary on 26th January that;"Hampshire Constabulary does not hold any information...as IOPC are conducting this investigation..."</i></p>
<p><u>Response</u></p>	<p>We have given a statement to the media in relation to the allegations relating to this investigation which can be found here: https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/dec/21/head-of-police-association-suspended-over-sexual-touching-allegations</p> <p>We can confirm that the investigation is open and ongoing.</p>
<p>Ref 5023310 Back to top</p>	<p><u>Officers from Forest Gate police stations involved in WhatsApp messages</u></p>
<p><u>Request</u></p>	<p><i>This is a freedom of information request regarding police officers being investigated and have been found to be a part of recent misconduct at Forest Gate police station regarding the case of Bibaa Henry and Nicole Smallman. I would like to know the names and rank of all police officers who were involved specifically in the WhatsApp group "A team", active participants or not.</i></p>
<p><u>Response</u></p>	<p>We have decided that we are unable to release this information to you by virtue of an exemption provided at section 40(2) of the FOIA which relates to personal data. As disclosure would be neither fair nor lawful, we have concluded that compliance with your request would breach the data</p>

	<p>protection principles and this means that the exemption at section 40(2) of the FOIA applies.</p> <p>We have published the findings of our investigation in which we named two officers who faced criminal charges in line with our Policy on naming of police officers and police staff, which balances the legitimate public interest with the rights to privacy of individuals.</p>
<p>Ref 5023297 Back to top</p>	<p><u>IOPC Workforce criminal and disciplinary background</u></p>
<p><u>Request</u></p>	<p><i>I am requesting information for the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How many IOPC staff have criminal records?</i> • <i>The nature of those records?</i> • <i>How many have police cautions?</i> • <i>How many have motoring offences?</i> • <i>How many have driving bans?</i> • <i>How many have been dismissed because of their offences?</i> • <i>How many have been disciplined for computer abuse/misuse but kept their jobs?</i> • <i>How many have been dismissed for computer abuse/misuse?</i> • <i>How many have been disciplined for mobile phone misuse, inappropriate messages and or photos?</i> • <i>How many have been disciplined for sexual misconduct?</i> • <i>How many have been dismissed for sexual misconduct?</i> • <i>How many have been disciplined for neglect?</i> • <i>How many have been dismissed for neglect?</i> <p><i>Please note I am not requesting personal data or any individuals.</i></p>
<p><u>Response</u></p>	<p>The first five questions seek the number of our employees who have been convicted of criminal offences and the nature of these offences.</p> <p>The IOPC does not hold this information. This is because we obtain and record information about criminal records only to the extent that this is justified by the particular role. In accordance with the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (ROA) and the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (Exceptions) Order 1975, 'spent' convictions or cautions do not need to be disclosed by the person applying for the job but certain spent, as well as unspent, convictions and cautions must be</p>

	<p>disclosed by the person when applying for 'exempt' posts, activities and occupations.</p> <p>Some persons applying for jobs at the IOPC may be subject to a check of all or some of their criminal history with the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS). Whether such a check will be carried out will be decided in reference to our role assessment criteria, which apply the provisions of the ROA Order relating to exempt occupations.</p> <p>Therefore we do not hold a comprehensive account of the criminal history of staff as this is not permitted by legislation.</p> <p>Your remaining questions relate to formal disciplinary action taken by the IOPC against its staff. As this includes requests relating to persons who have been dismissed, it appears that you are not seeking information relating only to our current staff complement. We note that you have not specified any particular period for which you require this data. However, we have checked our records since 1 April 2021 and can confirm that in relation to this period the answer to each of these eight questions is 'none'.</p> <p>The work involved in collecting this data for a more extensive period would be very likely to exceed the cost limit under section 12 of the FOIA with the result that we would not be obliged to provide it.</p>
<p>Ref 5023305 Back to top</p>	<p><u>Office attendance</u></p>
<p><u>Request</u></p>	<p><i>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with full answers to the following questions:</i></p> <p><i>1. How many people, including full-time, part-time and temporary employees, are currently recorded as being based at your main office, either by having a desk or a security pass or any other metric that you use?</i></p> <p><i>2. Of these, how many were recorded as having entered the building on the following days:</i></p> <p><i>a. Monday 6th September 2021</i></p> <p><i>b. Monday 13th December 2021</i></p> <p><i>c. Monday 24th January 2022</i></p>
<p><u>Response</u></p>	<p>For the purposes of this request we have considered our 'main office' to be our registered office in Sale, Manchester. There are 234 FTE staff recorded as being based at this office.</p> <p><i>2. Of these, how many were recorded as having entered the building on the following days:</i></p> <p><i>a. Monday 6th September 2021 - 7</i></p>

	b. Monday 13th December 2021 - 9
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	c. Monday 24th January 2022 – 12
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