

FOI 14814 Devon and Cornwall Police Chief Constables

Request:

1. The Total salary bill for both the previous Chief Constable and the Deputy Chief Constable, during their suspensions from public office.
2. Can you also provide information regarding the status of the above police chiefs position within the Devon and Cornwall PCC.
3. Can you provide the amount the present (temporary) Police Chief earns and any settlement on conclusion of employment in the DCPCC.

Schedule of Response Information:

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) holds information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

1. The Total salary bill for both the previous Chief Constable and the Deputy Chief Constable, during their suspensions from public office.

Chief Constable salaries are set nationally. For Devon and Cornwall Police, this is set at a rate of £196,839. Mr Kerr has been suspended since July 2023 on full pay.

Mr Colwell was the Acting Chief Constable from July 2023 until the end of January 2025. He was suspended on full pay in December 2024. He was reverted to his substantive role as Deputy Chief Constable in February 2025 and his salary has therefore reverted to reflect this. Deputy Chief Constable salaries are also set nationally and for Devon and Cornwall Police, this is set at a rate of £162,573.

2. Can you also provide information regarding the status of the above police chiefs position within the Devon and Cornwall PCC.

In regard to the status of the investigations, an update can be found on Mr Kerr here: [Criminal investigation into suspended Chief Constable dropped – Your voice in policing](#)

In regard to Mr Colwell, the appropriate authority for the investigation is now the Chief Constable for Devon and Cornwall Police as Mr Colwell has been returned to his substantive role as Deputy Chief Constable. However, the Independent Office for Police Conduct has published the following update: [Investigation into conduct allegations against Devon and Cornwall deputy chief constable concluded | Independent Office for Police Conduct \(IOPC\)](#)



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If you wish to submit a Freedom of Information Request to Devon and Cornwall Police regarding this matter, you can do so here: [Request information about the police | Devon & Cornwall Police](#)

3. Can you provide the amount the present (temporary) Police Chief earns and any settlement on conclusion of employment in the DCPCC.

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