

Dear Mr D

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information, received 10 August 2008 concerning Common Purpose has now been considered. I am pleased to enclose the following information. Please note that these data are the closest we hold to your request. They should not be presented as representing anything other than is described in this response.

Please note that the information provided is all the centrally held data we have relating to your request. This may not be the whole picture because Operational Command Units and departments may have delivered some diversity training locally. To confirm that there is no more data relevant to your request held by West Midlands Police would exceed the "appropriate level" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

The available information shows that between 1989 and 2008, thirty-three officers and one member of police staff attended training courses organised by Common Purpose at a cost of around £93,000.

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 large disparate administrative data systems 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.

Your attention is drawn to your right to request a re-examination of your case under West Midlands Police review procedure (attached). Please note that such an appeal must be received within six months of the date of this correspondence.

If you require any further information, then please do not hesitate to contact me.