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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I write in connection with your request for information received by Kent Police on 9th August 2008. I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to ask you the following questions:

1) How many officers in this Police force attended training courses organized by Common Purpose in the last few years?

The answer to the question 1 can go, in relation to the years as far as you can, as I understand it's not easy to have this information for courses attended may years ago.

Answer: Kent Police has used Common Purpose for staff training since March 2004. Since then, 13 officers have received the training.

2) How much this Police force spent for those Common Purpose courses?

Answer: The total cost for this training is £36,655.63.

Common Purpose is a cross sector educational programme that seeks to engage senior managers in a wide range of experiential learning in order for them to be able to enhance their leadership skills within their own organisations as well as developing business networks towards the 'common purpose' of improving the quality of services and prosperity to the county of Kent.

The main benefits of the Common Purpose Programme, as identified by officers when the scheme was last evaluated are:

- a greater understanding of how other agencies work and the problems they face
- broadened outlook
- the opportunity to build useful networks
- improved relationships with other agencies for the force
- promoting greater understanding about the police

Thank you for your interest in Kent Police and I hope the information provided is of assistance to you. A sheet, which summarised your rights, was enclosed with the acknowledgement sent to you and as suggested therein, should you have any further issues concerning this matter, please contact me quoting the reference number shown above.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Hicks
Freedom of Information Administrator