

Date: Fri 3 November 2017 **Reference Number:** 20171862 **FOI Category:** Operations

**Title:** Op Kaddie - costs

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**Response Date:** Friday, 3 November, 2017

**Request Details:**

*1. How much money was spent on legal fees for the case Sir Cliff Richard OBE vs BBC and Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police?*

*2. How many hours were spent by South Yorkshire Police staff dealing with the case?*

*3. How many members of South Yorkshire Police staff were used dealing with the case?*

*4. How much money was spent on South Yorkshire Police staff working on the case?*

**Exemptions Applied:**

**Section 22 (1) (a) (b) - Information Intended for Future Publication**

**SYP Response:**

**Questions 1 & 2:**

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires South Yorkshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which

- a. states that fact,
- b. specifies the exemption in question and
- c. states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies).

**Section 22 (1) (a) (b) - Information Intended for Future Publication**

Information is exempt under S22(1)(a)(b) if the information is held by the Public Authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not). This is a class-based exemption and requires me to conduct a public interest test.

The information you request forms part of South Yorkshire Polices (SYP) Publication Strategy. Please see the following link to the publication scheme for Operation Kaddie that is openly viewable on the SYP website.

<http://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/content/significant-public-interest>

**PUBLIC INTEREST CONSIDERATIONS**

## Favouring Disclosure

Where public funds are being spent in respects to policing operations, there is public interest in transparency and justification. Disclosure would provide information necessary public comment and debate to take place in real time.

## Favouring Non-Disclosure

The publication strategy is comprehensive and has been carefully designed, so that the public will benefit from facts being available at the same time, meaning the information will be in context, and more comprehensive.

## **Balancing Test**

In balancing these factors, the strategy states that staffing figures, costs ,etc. are intended to be provided at a date when all proceedings relating to the operation have been determined as completed.

*“In the Commissioner’s view, in order to engage section 22, a public authority must be able to show clearly which information within the scope of a request it intends to publish”*

[http://ico.org.uk/~media/documents/decisionnotices/2014/fs\\_50532986.ashx](http://ico.org.uk/~media/documents/decisionnotices/2014/fs_50532986.ashx)

It would not be beneficial at this stage to allocate resources to endeavour to collate answers to the above questions when the information is intended to be collated again in the future.

Therefore, at this time the balance lies firmly in waiting for when it is deemed appropriate to release figures that can be determined to be accurate and complete, as per the publication strategy.

## **Question 3 & 4:**

*Please see below a breakdown of the costs for Operation Kaddie.*

### *TOTAL COSTS FOR OPERATION KADDIE*

*Staff Costs* £766,844.58

*Miscellaneous* £3,155.19

*Train Tickets* £1,553.10

*Other Travel Costs* £554.50

*Hire Cars* £5,758.48

<i>Hotel</i>	<i>£10,867.99</i>
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<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>£788,733.84</b>
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*Please note, we are only able to provide the number of officers in total across the lifetime of the operation, rather than provide a breakdown showing the specific number of officers working at any given time on the operation.*

*The total number of South Yorkshire Police officers working on Operation Kaddie throughout the lifetime of the operation was 20.*

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