



**POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER**
for Leicester,
Leicestershire & Rutland

Our ref: FOI 0005/25 – OPCC

Date: 677 17 March 2025

Name:

Email:

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your freedom of information request received on 9 February 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Will your police force/constabulary be ring-fencing the extra income from the latest firearms licensing fee increase to the firearms licensing functions?

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Your request for information has now been considered and the response can be found below:

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The Police and Crime Commissioner and Leicestershire Force welcomes the increase in fees which will help in providing an important service.

Within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland the PCC provides the Chief Constable with an annual budget with which to carry out operational policing, of which firearms licensing, and the income from firearms licensing is part.



PCCs are not responsible for operational policing. This function has remained with chief constables as per The Policing Protocol Order 2011

The OPCC is not aware of the local, operational arrangements within the Force for this element of the budget.

Leicestershire Police may hold this information and I give below a link to the Force's website where you can make a FOI request to them direct: [Request information about the police | Leicestershire Police](#)

If you are not satisfied with our response to your request, under Section 17 of the FOIA you are entitled to ask for an internal review of our decision. Any internal review needs to be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this response and state why you are unhappy with the response. You can submit an internal review in the following ways:

- Emailing the OPCC Inbox to OPCC@leics.police.uk or.
- Writing to the OPCC at – The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, Police Headquarters, St Johns, Enderby, Leicestershire, Leicestershire, LE19 2BX
- By phone – 0116 229 8980 (as a reasonable adjustment under the Equality Act 2010).

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal review under Section 50 of the FOIA you can apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure provided by the OPCC. You can contact the ICO in the following ways:

- Online at the ICO – <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/> or;
- Writing to the ICO at – Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner