

Request for a Breakdown of Data from the Commissioner's Annual Report

A Sussex resident requested a breakdown of the sum typically reported in the Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report as "third party payments", in the belief that the figure included sums associated with legal actions against Sussex Police.

In response to this request, the Commissioner's office provided the breakdown below, sourced from Sussex Police.

All Claims

FY	Own Solicitors Costs	Third Party Damages	Third Party Legal Fees	Total
2016-17	211,708	502,278	475,495	1,189,481
2017-18	151,565	489,671	422,470	1,063,706
2018-19	195,275	373,564	403,727	972,566
2019-20	147,941	327,191	359,064	834,196
2020-21	223,231	604,900	653,090	1,481,220
Totals	929,720	2,297,604	2,313,845	5,541,169

Motor Claims

FY	Own Solicitors Costs	Third Party Damages	Third Party Legal Fees	Total
2016-17	9,019	177,534	61,919	248,473
2017-18	13,669	224,206	51,105	288,980
2018-19	14,531	101,925	14,335	130,792
2019-20	21,919	195,274	15,788	232,981
2020-21	16,738	201,760	55,908	274,405
Totals	75,876	900,699	199,055	1,175,630

**Civil
Claims**

FY	Own Solicitors Costs	Third Party Damages	Third Party Legal Fees	Total
2016-17	202,689	324,743	413,576	941,008
2017-18	137,896	265,465	371,365	774,726
2018-19	180,744	271,639	389,392	841,774
2019-20	126,022	131,917	343,276	601,216
2020-21	206,493	403,140	597,182	1,206,815
Totals	853,845	1,396,905	2,114,790	4,365,539

In respect of the civil claims amounts these were provided within the following caveats:

- a) The payments have been made during the above date ranges. In some instances, the payments relate to cases that have been recorded prior to 01/04/2016 – some going back to 2012 Cases.
- b) This information relates to Public Liability and Employee Liability claims for Sussex Police only.
- c) Damages Payments also include Goodwill Payments, where liability has been denied (it is not possible to break this down further).
- d) Sussex Police Legal Fees includes our Solicitors Fees, Counsel Fees, Expert Fees, Medical Report Fees & Witness Expenses. In the most part, these figures relate to Litigated Cases, whereby the Claimant has issued Proceedings at County Court. On occasions, we also occasionally incur Solicitor Fees for Advice on non-litigated cases.