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DYFED-POWYS
POLICE AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER

FOI Ref: OPCC 159-15

Request

I request the following information under FOI Act 2000:

1. Claims by your PCC this week stating that Dyfed-Powys is the safest policing area in the country – how has he come to this conclusion?
2. What measures is he using to determine this?

Clarification:

The applicant was contacted and asked: *“When and where exactly this statement was read as the PCC makes a number of statements and wants to ensure that we are responding specifically to the statement that you (Mr Morgan) are referring to in your request.”* The applicant responded as follows: *“Mr. Salmon should know which one it was – he was quoted on Twitter last week as saying that Dyfed-Powys is the safest place and that officer numbers have increased; I cannot remember the exact date, I guess it was the day of my request or the day before. I’d like you to honour my request for the information under FOI please.”*

Responses 1 & 2:

I can confirm that the Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner does hold the information requested, as detailed below:

On 14th August 2015, a press release was issued by the OPCC based on the information available in the Police and Crime Commissioners’ Annual Report for 2014/15. The press release included the statement: *“Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire and Powys are safer than ever before. Recorded incidents have fallen four percent since 2013-14. Dyfed-Powys has the second lowest number of recorded crimes in England and Wales per head.”* Copies of both the press release and the Annual Report are available on the hyperlinks detailed below:

Press Release:

<http://www.dyfedpowys-pcc.org.uk/en/dyfed-powys-is-safer-than-ever-commissioner/>

Annual Report:

<http://www.dyfedpowys-pcc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Annual-Report.pdf>

(This is a response under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and disclosed on 23rd September 2015)