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### Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

*Information regarding costs, hours worked, and success of Prosecutions as a result of Northumbria Police's Operation Optic.*

#### Request

- 1) Please provide a breakdown of all known costs to the CPS of prosecutions (both successful/failed/aborted) as a result of Northumbria Police's Operation Optic;*
- 2) Please disclose the known number of hours logged by staff working on the cases.*
- 3) Please disclose the number of successful, failed and aborted prosecutions.*

#### Response

1. As of 18 March 2019 the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) had paid as follows:

**Leading Counsel** for Trial Optic 1 £43,605.87 and Optic 2 & 3 £7,348.80

**Junior Led Counsel** for Trial Optic 1 £31,016.08 Optic 2 & 3 £5030.32

**Total-** £87,001.07

2. The CPS does not record time spent by internal lawyers, paralegals and administrative staff on a case by case basis. We can therefore only provide counsel costs as mentioned above.
3. 14 cases have been stopped at Court, as no was evidence offered.

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