



Response Date: 15/01/2026

2026/049 - Central government funding shortfall against operational costs

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please provide the following information for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

Any internal assessments, budget papers, financial monitoring reports, or recorded summaries which identify a shortfall between central government funding received (including Home Office grant and any ringfenced funding) and the estimated or actual operational costs faced by the force during this period.

I am not requesting individual invoices, personal data, or internal deliberative material. Aggregated figures or summaries are sufficient.

It is important to note that the operational costs of the force is not fully funded by central government funding with the net budget requirements being based on a combination of Core Government Grant plus Precept (Council Tax). In addition, there will be Specific Grants to fund specific initiatives/costs.

The Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) FY25-26 to FY29-30 sets out the budgetary requirement across the medium term. This was taken to and agreed at the Police & Crime Panel on the 27th January 2025 and is published on the OPCC website below is the link:

[Medium Term Financial Plan 2025-26 to 2029-30 V4 Final.pdf](#)

The MTFP sets out a balanced budget for the current financial year with a funding gap across the medium term FY26-27 to FY29-30 based on the underpinning assumptions prevailing at the time of writing the report.

In terms of in year reporting of actual versus budget for FY25-26, to date we have reported an underspend position.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 14/01/2026

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