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|  Our ref: FOI 0425 |  |
|  |  12 February 2025 |

I write in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on
05 February 2025.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Thames Valley has now considered this request, which for clarity, has been repeated below:

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| **Request**Why were these individuals having a confidential conversation in a public place, such as a pub?Was the cost of the meal paid for using public funds? If not, how was it covered?As a taxpayer, I am concerned about the allocation of public resources. Should such expenses be funded by the public, especially in the context of senior officers dining out?Was this meeting held during working hours, or was it a social gathering outside of work hours?Have similar meetings or discussions taken place before or since?I am also concerned about the substantial pay rises awarded to Jillian (Chief Executive) and the Chief Finance Officer earlier this year, which I discovered through the FIO log on your website. Could you please address this matter and any related concerns? | **Response**A meeting did take place on the date in question. Meetings will be held between police officers, OPCC staff and members of the public at various locations. It is of course incumbent on those present to ensure that appropriate confidentiality is maintained. If you feel that this was not the case we would welcome a complaint, including the information that was disclosed, in order to investigate. No.Not applicable, please see above.It was a meeting held in that location. Note: Work hours and days vary.Refer to previous reply, meetings will be held between police officers, OPCC staff and members of the public at various locations.This has been addressed in previous FOI requests in 2024. These can be access via our website:<https://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/our-information/archive/> |