

Request

Further to a recent advert on your careers page for Mounted Section Sergeant and Constables, can you provide the following information:

1). What will the annual operating costs for the Mounted Section per financial year be?

As the unit is yet to be established, the annual operating costs are yet to be confirmed as the unit is not up and running. Therefore, at this time under FOI there is no specific recorded information.

2). How is this been funded?

This will be funded from existing force operational budgets.

3). The Mounted Section was disbanded under the leadership of CC Edward Crew in 1999. Why re-establish this unit 25 years later?

The decision to disband the unit was an operational decision taken by the Chief Constable at that time, as similarly it is an operational decision that has been taken by the current Chief Constable to re-establish.

4). Where will the section be located? Stables, offices and other equine facilities?

This is yet to be confirmed however the preferred location will be based at Tally Ho! in the Edgbaston area of Birmingham, but the horses will serve the entire West Midlands Area.

5). How much will it cost to re-establish/set-up the unit? (Housing, animal care, equipment (transport), training, uniform etc.)

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6). When will the unit be operational?

Late Summer 2025