

Ms Wendy Hesketh

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Our Reference: 46764

3rd July 2009

Dear Ms Hesketh,

I am writing with reference to your request for information regarding Police Training in Medico-crime dated 4th June 2009, made under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked for the following information:

Can you please tell me what training, if any, police forces receive in relation to medico-crime? For example, the training that might have been introduced in order to prepare forces to contribute effectively to 'The Information Sharing Protocol between the General Medical Council, the Nursing and Midwifery Council, the Crown Prosecution Service and the Association of Chief Police Officers', or e.g. The Home Office Circular 45/1986?

I'm referring to the type of training that would be necessary to avoid the sort of criticisms levelled at the Manchester Metropolitan Police for their lack of investigative or detection skills in relation to murder of patients identified by The Shipman Inquiry.

Can you provide any detail as to the type of training offered, by whom, and dates? Is it now a requirement that someone in each regional police force is trained in aspects of medico-crime? If so, can you please give more details?

Lastly, I would like to know when the first training in medico-crime was introduced and what prompted this subject to appear on the police training curriculum?

I am writing to advise you I have established that the information you requested is not held by the NPIA.

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The NPIA has no input into National Investigative Training on Medico-crime, however it is often the case that many HO circulars and ACPO protocols are dealt with as line management briefings rather than training.

Your right to complain

We take our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act seriously but, if you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to complain. We will investigate the matter and endeavour to reply within 3 – 6 weeks. You should write to:

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If you are still dissatisfied following our internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner. Before considering your complaint, the Information Commissioner would normally expect you to have exhausted the complaints procedures provided by the NPIA. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

FOI Compliance Team (complaints)
Wycliffe House
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Further information about the NPIA is routinely published on our website at www.npia.police.uk or through our publication scheme. If you require any further assistance in connection with this request please contact us at our address above.

Yours sincerely,

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