



## Hampshire Constabulary Chief Constable Alex Marshall

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Dear Mr Plough

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: HC/02309/09**

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act was received by the Information Compliance Unit at Hampshire Constabulary on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009; I note you seek access to the following information:

1. In the last 5 years, how many warrants for arrest have been issued for an individual who has broken their probation licence conditions?
2. Out of this figure, how many were considered high priority, and/or considered to pose a risk of harm to others?
3. Out of the total number of warrants issued per year, as stated in answer to (1), how many of those individuals have been re-arrested?
4. Out of the warrants considered high priority, as stated in the answer to (2), how many of those individuals have been re-arrested?
5. Out of the total number of warrants issued, as stated in the answer to (1), how many of those individuals have re-offended while a warrant for their arrest was active?
6. Out of the total number of warrants issued, as stated in the answer to (2), how many of those individuals have re-offended while a warrant for their arrest was active?
7. Referring to the individuals stated in answer in question (5), what crimes have they committed while a warrant for their arrest was active?
8. Referring to the individuals stated in answer in question (6), what crimes have they committed while a warrant for their arrest was active?
9. Please provide the following information about any individual who is the subject of a warrant for arrest for breaking their probation licence conditions, but who has not as yet been re-arrested:
  - Names
  - ages
  - Last offence for which they received a custodial sentence.



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### **RESULT OF SEARCHES**

Hampshire Constabulary does not hold this information in a retrievable format. The cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It is estimated that it would cost more than £450 to comply with your request.

During the period in question there have been three different computer systems. Currently there is no search facility for the requested information, therefore a manual review would need to be conducted on all three systems. Every single warrant on the system would have to be read one by one to determine if any related to breach of probation. Each of the warrants would have to be checked against PNC, the court systems and the Hampshire Constabulary Records Management System to extract the requested information if recorded. This search would not only be extremely time-consuming taking many weeks to conduct but the information may not even be recorded as not all cases will be Hampshire Specific.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice in respect of this part of your request.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing down the search parameters – for example, choosing a more refined date period such as one day, thereby significantly reducing the number of records that would need to be manually searched to retrieve the information you are seeking. Please note, however, that even if you were to refine your request, the information retrieved may attract the application of exemptions contained within the Freedom of Information Act.

You may also wish to refer your request to the National Offender Management Unit within the Ministry of Justice at the following email address:

[dqcorrespondence@hmps.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:dqcorrespondence@hmps.gsi.gov.uk)

### **COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet detailing your rights.

Thank you for your interest in Hampshire Constabulary.

Should you have any further inquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact Becky Hill on telephone number 01962 814757 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

**Becky Hill**  
**Freedom of Information Decision Maker**



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### **COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to require Hampshire Constabulary to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint, you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer who dealt with your request.

#### **Ask to have the decision looked at again –**

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

#### **Complaint**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of Hampshire Constabulary made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint with Hampshire Constabulary to have the decision reviewed. Hampshire Constabulary must be notified of your intention to complain within 2 months of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

Freedom of Information  
Information Compliance Unit  
Police Headquarters  
West Hill, Romsey Road  
Winchester  
Hants SO22 5DB

In all possible circumstances, Hampshire Constabulary will aim to respond to your complaint within 3 months.

#### **The Information Commissioner**

If, after lodging a complaint with Hampshire Constabulary, you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you may make application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner, please visit their website at [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk). Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700