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FOI Ref: 9443/2009

Dear Mr Jarman,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 9443/2009

I write in connection with your request for information received by Kent Police on 11th December 2009. I apologise that this arrives with you after the twenty working day limit prescribed by the Act. I note that you requested the following information:

I am seeking certain information related to police injury pensions.

1. Do you have a written policy governing the management and review of police injury pensions? If you do, please provide me with a copy.

Kent Police have a policy – L80 – Injury Awards: The Provisions of the Police Pensions Regulations. This policy can be viewed on the Kent Police website by following the below link:
<http://www.kent.police.uk/About%20Kent%20Police/policies/I/I080.html>

2. Since August 2004, to date, how many injury pensions have been reduced when reviewed?

Kent Police have not reduced any injury pensions since August 2004.

3. Since August 2004, to date, how many injury pensions have been increased when reviewed?

Kent Police have not increased any injury pensions since August 2004.

4. Since August 2004, to date, how many injury pensions have been reduced to the lowest band when the former officer in receipt of the pension reached (or had already reached) the age of 65?

No injury pensions have been reduced to the lowest band when the former officer in receipt of the pension reached (or had already reached) the age of 65.

5. If your force has any document recording any analysis and/or consideration of the guidance contained in Annex C to Home Office circular 46/2004 please supply me with a copy.

6. If your force has any document recording any calculation and/or projection of the potential budgetary savings and/or financial impact that might result from adoption of the guidance contained in Annex C to Home Office circular 46/2004 please supply me with a copy.

Kent Police do not presently hold any documents recording analysis, guidance or potential savings in this area. We are looking at what other forces are doing and liaising with the Home Office on this matter. The current position is that many forces are awaiting the outcome of the upcoming Court of Appeal case before considering how to proceed in this area.

Thank you for your interest in Kent Police and I hope the information provided is of assistance to you. If you have any further queries concerning your request, or the application of the Freedom of Information Act in general, please contact this office quoting the reference number shown above.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Potten
Freedom of Information Administrator

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 conduct an internal review to investigate the matter and endeavor to reply within 20 working days. If your appeal concerns the decision to apply an exemption, it would assist the review if you would outline why you believe the exemption does not apply.

You may lodge your complaint by writing to:

Supt. Paul Gladstone
Head of the Information Compliance Unit
Professional Standards Department
Kent Police Headquarters
Sutton Road,
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Or by e-mailing

freedomofinformation@kent.pnn.police.uk

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 Kent Police.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

FOI Compliance Team (complaints)
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