

Liz Robillard
By e-mail to request-27266-c5542c2d@whatdotheyknow.com

Our Reference: 47037

18th February 2009

Dear Ms Robillard,

I am writing with reference to your request for information regarding Impartial Local Policing, dated 19th January, made under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked for the following information:

One Police Officer, one head of a Dept (one Alistair Pettigrew of RBKC) and one councillor (Maidstone) all have informed me in one way or other that police have a duty to inform council employees if they are being investigated, that police have a duty to the council workers to inform them if they are under investigation? That screams abuse/bias and of leaving abuses wide-open in council office, do you have any information you could share please, regarding impartiality regarding investigations into local authority employees, including councillors?

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

The NPIA are unaware of any such 'duty' applied to council employees and do not publish guidance in this area. If such a duty exists then it may result from local arrangements between police forces and their relevant local government organisations. If this is the case you would be advised to contact your local police force to establish if such local arrangements exist. Alternatively, the 'duty' to which you refer may be contained in Statute Law. UK Statute Law is published by the Office of Public Sector Information and accessible via the Statute Law web-site at <http://www.statutelaw.gov.uk>.

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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:

David Horne
Director of Resources
National Policing Improvement Agency
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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
Water Lane
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Cheshire
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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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