



## UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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email: [psnow@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:psnow@uttlesford.gov.uk)

Dear Mr Nunn

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is shown below.

I have found four cases in the past five years in which the Ombudsman found some element of fault with the Council and required the Council to make a local settlement, involving some payment of compensation. I have examined each of those decision letters and can confirm that in no case did the Ombudsman conclude that a member of the Council's staff had misled or lied to the Ombudsman, or done anything else to hinder their investigation. In no other case investigated by the Ombudsman can I find any evidence of such conduct by any of the Council's officers. To the best of my knowledge, disciplinary action has not been necessary in respect of any case investigated by the Ombudsman in the period concerned.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries or concerns.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your enquiry then please contact the Council's Monitoring Officer Mr Michael Perry at the address given above or on [mperry@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:mperry@uttlesford.gov.uk). Mr Perry will investigate your complaint and inform you of his decision. If you are not satisfied with the outcome of Mr Perry's investigations you may ask the Interim Chief Executive Mr John Mitchell to review his investigation and findings. Mr Mitchell may also be contacted at these offices or on [JMitchell@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:JMitchell@uttlesford.gov.uk). If you do not accept Mr Mitchell's findings you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire  
SH9 5AF Telephone: 01625 545 700 [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

Peter Snow  
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