

MR Jason Sands

By e-mail to request-9119-0d8f69df@whatdotheyknow.com

Our Reference: 46664

30th March 2009

Dear Mr Sands,

I am writing with reference to your request for information regarding overt surveillance, dated 09th March 2009, made under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked for the following information:

Please provide details of the 'national standards' for overt surveillance that the NPIA was commissioned to produce by ACPO.

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

The NPIA has not been commissioned to develop any 'national standards' for overt surveillance by ACPO.

The closest thing to 'national standards' for surveillance is the publicly available code of practice on covert surveillance made under RIPA. This is the responsibility of the Home Office, and is published on the HO website.

<http://security.homeoffice.gov.uk/ripa/publication-search/ripa-cop/>.

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:

NPIA
New King's Beam House,
22 Upper Ground, London, SE1 9QY

T 020 8358 5678
F 020 8358 5700

NPIA (headquarters):
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10-18 Victoria Street,
London, SW1H 0NN

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National Policing Improvement Agency

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Head of Secretariat
National Policing Improvement Agency
10-18 Victoria Street
London
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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
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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 by replying to this e-mail.

Your Sincerely,

NPIA FOI Team