

**Our ref: 1001624**

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IPCC Contact:  
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Tel: 0207 166 3000

Dear Mr Andrews

**Re: Your Request for Information**

I write in regard to your e-mail dated 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009 to the IPCC in which you make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

I will go through each request separately:

1. What percentage (and number) of complaints made to the IPCC in relation to Police office conduct are upheld? for the years 2007 & 2008

This information is available for all reporting years up to 2007/2008 and is available online at <http://www.ipcc.gov.uk/index/resources/research/stats.htm>. Information for 2008-2009 is currently being collated and will be published at a later stage. Once it has been published you will also be able to view that online.

2. What percentage (and number) of these upheld complaints results in recommendation for disciplinary action to be taken against police officers? for the years 2007 & 2008.

This information is available for the reporting years 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 only and is again available online at:

<http://www.ipcc.gov.uk/index/resources/research/stats.htm>

Please view Misconduct sanctions imposed on officers for this information.

Information for 2008/2009 is being collated and will be published at a later stage.

3. What percentage (and number) of these upheld complaints results in recommendation for criminal charges to be made against police officers? for the years 2007 & 2008.

Technically the IPCC does not make a recommendation for criminal charges to be brought against individual officers. Under the Police Reform Act the test, up until 1st December, was to consider "whether a criminal offence may have taken place" in managed and independent investigations. On 1st December

this changed to "whether a criminal offence may have taken place and it is appropriate to send". The IPCC therefore does not hold information concerning complaints which have resulted in recommendations for criminal charges.

I find therefore that section 21 applies to questions 1 and 2 of the information that you have requested as it is available to you by other means, as I have indicated above via the IPCC website.

I have considered your request; however, if you are not satisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review by our FOI appeals officer, who has had no involvement in dealing with your request. If you wish to complain about any aspect of this decision, please contact:

Freedom of Information Appeals Officer  
IPCC  
90 High Holborn  
London  
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E mails should be clearly marked 'Complaint against FOI decision' and sent to: [foi@ipcc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi@ipcc.gsi.gov.uk).

Should you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you will have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner, however, I should point out that under section 50(2)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act, you are normally obliged to exhaust the IPCC's own internal complaint mechanism before complaining to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

Miss Diljinder Kaur Chowhan  
Freedom of Information Team Leader  
**Independent Police Complaints Commission**