

Date: 26th March 2012
Our ref: FOI.12.11399

Dear Mr Robertson
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Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your Freedom of Information Request received on 4th March 2012.

Your request asked for the following information:

Your Request

Would you please forward me a copy of the current Violent Persons Register which the Council holds.

Would you also please provide me with a copy of the above as it stood in December 2011,

Council's Response

We have decided to refuse your request under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act which covers personal information as such registers hold personal information identifying individuals. This is an absolute exemption and is therefore not subject to the Public Interest Test.

Internal Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of this enquiry you can invoke the Council's internal review procedures to ask for an independent review of your request. All such requests must be sent to us within 4 weeks and must clearly state in writing your reference number and your reasons for your request for internal review.

The Information Governance Team can be contacted at the following address:
Information Governance Team, Town Hall and Civic Buildings, Westoe Road, South Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE33 2RL.

Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)

Should you remain dissatisfied with the final outcome of the internal review process you can write to the Information Commissioner to ask for an independent review. The Information Commissioner is the Government's Independent Body responsible

for overseeing the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Please do note the ICO will only review cases that have exhausted the Council's internal review procedures. All correspondence to the ICO must quote the Council's reference number and your reasons for your appeal.

The ICO's contact details are as follows: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF. More information can be found on the ICO's website at www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk.

If you have any further queries about this matter then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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