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Our Ref: 975.2015-16

Your Ref:

Date: 12 April 2016

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Police and Crime  
Commissioner  
North Yorkshire



Joint Corporate Legal Services

Dear Mr Young,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 975.2015-16**

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner on 16 January 2016. I apologise for the delay in responding to you, and note you seek access to the following information:

- (1) Please disclose the number of complaints, both recorded/non-recorded, made against Chief Constable Dave Jones in the past year (16.01.2015 to 16.01.2016)*
- (2) How many of the complaints met the Independent Police Complaints Commission referral criteria*
- (3) How many times have you referred Chief Constable Dave Jones to the Independent Police Complaints Commission*
- (4) What was the outcome of each referral*
- (5) What was the nature of each of the complaints against Chief Constable Dave Jones*
- (6) What was the outcome of each of the complaints*

**Extent and Result of Searches to Locate Information**

To locate the information relevant to your request searches were carried out within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC).

I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by the OPCC.

**Decision**

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you.

There have been no substantiated complaints against the Chief Constable since his appointment to office in June 2013. Eleven complaints have been received by the Police and Crime Commissioner, of which nine were not recorded as complaints because they did not fall within the description of complaints specified by the Police (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012 at paragraph 3(2)(c), and where complaints do not fall within these descriptions there is no requirement for them to be recorded. Two complaints were investigated independently and found that the Chief Constable had no case to answer. There have been no referrals to the Independent Police Complaints Commissioner.

Please note that systems used for recording information are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted therefore that this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other responses you may receive.

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**Complaint Rights**

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet which details your right of complaint.

If you have any queries concerning this request, please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

Liz Fryar  
Legal Officer (Civil Disclosure)  
Joint Corporate Legal Services  
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## COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to require the North Yorkshire Police to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

### **Ask to have the decision looked at again –**

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

### **Complaint**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of the North Yorkshire Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information you can lodge a complaint with the North Yorkshire Police to have the decision reviewed. North Yorkshire Police must be notified of your intention to complain within 2 months of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

Force Solicitor and Head of Legal Services  
North Yorkshire Police  
Newby Wiske Hall  
Northallerton  
North Yorkshire  
DL7 9HA

In all possible circumstances the North Yorkshire Police will aim to respond to your complaint as soon as practicable but within 20 working days.

### **The Information Commissioner**

After lodging a complaint with the North Yorkshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk). Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF  
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