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Mr David Grothier

**By Email only to:**

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22<sup>nd</sup> July 2011

Dear Mr Grothier

**Request for review of the IPCC's decision under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I write in response to your email of 27<sup>th</sup> June requesting a review of the IPCC's decision of the same date. This has been passed to me as the IPCC's Reviewing Officer.

Your request was

*"Mike Benbow was a superintendent at Dyfed Powys police before joining the IPCC, while at Dyfed Powys Police Benbow was involved in a number of SERIOUS complaints allegations that I brought against Dyfed Powys police. While at the Regional Office of the IPCC at Cardiff Benbow was still involved with my complaints. I would like an explanation as to this gross conflict of interest."*

Having reviewed the file, I have concluded that Mr Johnston should not have treated your request as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request was for an explanation of something which the IPCC does not accept is the case i.e. that a "gross conflict of interest" exists. I do not consider this a request for information under the Act.

However, if I am wrong and the request is a request for information under the Act, I find that the IPCC does not hold the information you have requested and therefore cannot provide you with it.

Given the fact that I have concluded that your original request was not a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, It is moot whether or not you are able to appeal against this decision. However, you may nevertheless wish to contact:

Information Commissioners Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'AK' followed by a stylized flourish.

**Amanda Kelly**  
**Director for Business Service**