

Information Management

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Dear Mr Gardner

FOI Reference No: FOI-20121/265260

Thank you for your request for information received by West Yorkshire Police on 28 August 2012.

You requested the following information:

Please can you tell me how many complaints have you received in relation to the following based at Haworth:

- 1) Car Stoppers and/or Changegate Car Park and/or Ted Evans and/or Gareth Evans in connection to Car Stoppers and/or Changegate Car Park
- 2) How many of these complaints resulted in a recorded incident?
- 3) How many incidents resulted in further action be taken?
- 4) How many incidents resulted in a prosecution?
- 5) Ideally I would like this information for the last 10-years but would be satisfied with the last 12-months.

Please be advised that West Yorkshire Police have received 5 complaints in relation to Changegate car park within the last 12 months. We have taken 'incident' to mean criminal incident and we can advise that there have been no criminal incidents recorded.

The local Neighbourhood Police Team supervisor for the area works closely with Haworth Parish Council and the Contact Point at Haworth. Details of complaints are assessed when brought to our attention for any evidence of any criminal offending.

Please accept our apologies of the delay in dealing with your request.

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

If you are not satisfied with how this request has been handled or with the information provided, please read the advice notice attached to this letter. If you do wish to take up your right of complaint, please remember to quote the reference number above in any future correspondence.

Yours sincerely

Gemma Burton Freedom Of Information

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

You have the right to request that West Yorkshire Police 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.

2. 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.

3. Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of West Yorkshire Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a written complaint to have the decision internally reviewed.

A West Yorkshire Police internal review of your decision will be carried out by a senior member of staff, who is fully trained in interpreting Freedom of Information legislation, yet is independent with regards to the original decision made, i.e. has never previously been involved with your request.

Complaints will only be treated as valid if they are received by West Yorkshire Police within a 60 day timeframe from the date of the decision letter. They must include the original FOI Reference Number and can only be submitted in writing by using the following contact details:

xxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.police.uk

or

West Yorkshire Police FOI Internal Reviews PO Box 9 Laburnum Road Wakefield WF1 3QP In all possible circumstances West Yorkshire Police will aim to complete and respond to your internal review within 20 working days; however this date may be extendable in exceptional circumstances by another 20 working days.

4. The Information Commissioner

If you are still dissatisfied with the internal review decision made by West Yorkshire Police, you may then make an 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.ico.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can phone their helpline or write to them at:

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

FOI Help Line: 0303 1231113