

## Melling, Carl

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**From:** Melling, Carl  
**Sent:** 01 June 2012 12:21  
**To:** 'casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk'  
**Subject:** RE: FOI complaint[Ref. FS50425760] [NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

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Dear Sarah

I refer to your email below. Sorry you didn't catch me on the phone.

I can confirm that I will write to Mr McGartland to confirm that no information is held in relation to the professional relationship. I will ensure that this is provided next week.

Regards  
Carl

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**From:** casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 25 May 2012 11:59  
**To:** Melling, Carl  
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Our ref: FS50425760  
Your ref: 3363/11

25 May 2012

Dear Carl

I was trying to phone you but could not get through so I thought I would email you instead. Thank you for the information you have provided in this case, I am now drafting a decision notice. I have just one outstanding issue which I would appreciate your view on.

Having considered your submissions, I am of the view at this stage that to confirm or deny whether information is held would in relation to any professional relationship

between the two Chief Constables would not be unfair. This is because that part of the request is specifically for professional information, rather than relating to those individuals in a private context. It seems reasonable to me that the public could be informed if you hold information relating to the individuals in the context of their employment.

I would therefore ask Lancashire Constabulary to consider confirming to Mr McGartland that no information is held. If you are not willing to do so then it is likely that the decision notice will order this step to be taken in order to comply with the FOIA. I would be grateful if you could let me have your views on this as soon as possible, and in any event by Friday 1 June. If I do not hear from you by then I will proceed to finalise the decision notice as indicated above.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Regards

Sarah

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