

Freedom of Information Request for Richard Valdry

Dear Sunderland City Council,

CPR - Signature of Documents by mechanical means

PRACTICE DIRECTION 5A - COURT DOCUMENTS This Practice Direction supplements CPR Part 5

Signature of Documents by mechanical means

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Where, under rule 5.3, a replica signature is printed electronically or by other mechanical means on any document, the name of the person whose signature is printed must also be printed so that the person may be identified. This paragraph does not apply to claim forms issued through the Claims Production Centre.

http://www.justice.gov.uk/courts/procedure-rules/civil/rules/pd_part05a

1) Under the FoIA I wish to know if the above CPR practice direction applies to the magistrates court when granting summonses for non payment of council tax to the council.

2) Under the FoIA I wish to know if the above CPR practice direction applies to the council who create and issue non payment of council tax summonses (court documents) on behalf of the magistrates court who grants them.

3) Please provide all recorded information that confirms that when the council prints a replica signature (a facsimile signature) onto a magistrates court summonses for non payment of council tax on behalf of the court, that the council also prints the name of the person whose signature is printed so that the person may be identified.

Many thanks for your time in answering this FOI request and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

RICHARD VALDRY

Response

Question 1

No, CPR practice direction does not apply

Question 2

No, CPR, practice direction does not apply

Question 3

This is not applicable, as we have advised that CPR practice does not apply to questions 1 and 2

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I hope this is satisfactory. If, however, you are dissatisfied with our response to your request for information, you can ask for the decision to be reviewed in reply to this letter. The review will be removed from the Directorate and coordinated by the Council's Information Governance Officer. A request for review should be directed, by email to freedom.information@sunderland.gov.uk, or by post or by hand addressed to; Information Governance Officer, Governance Services, Civic Centre, PO Box 100, Sunderland SR2 7DN

You are of course entitled to apply to the Information Commissioner at any time, although the Commissioner will not usually investigate until the public authority's internal review procedure has been concluded.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Brown
Head of Transactional Services