

Our Ref: 427.2016-17

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Neil Wilby

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Police and Crime
Commissioner
North Yorkshire



Dear Mr Wilby,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 427.2016-17

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner on 01 July 2016. Please accept our apologies for the delay in providing you with a response. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please provide the following information by way of request under the Freedom of Information Act, 2000:

1. Copies of all Deeds of Delegation concerning the transfer of Appropriate Authority responsibilities of the Commissioner to any other member of her staff in respect of complaints against the Chief Constable, together with Decision Notices recording such Deeds.

Broken down by financial year:

2012/13

2013/14

2014/15

2015/16

Extent and Result of Searches to Locate Information

To locate the information relevant to your request searches were conducted within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Decision

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

The current Joint Corporate Scheme of Delegation and Consent outlines the transfer of Appropriate Authority responsibilities of the Police and Crime Commissioner to other members of her staff.

This information is already published on the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner website;

<http://www.northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/taking-action/making-decisions/joint-corporate-scheme-of-delegation-consent/>

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Further publications regarding the Scheme of Delegation over previous years can be found upon the following hyperlinks;

<http://www.northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/taking-action/making-decisions/archive-of-decisions-made/2013-decision-archive/decision-making-process-structure-and-scheme-of-delegation/>

<http://www.northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/taking-action/making-decisions/archive-of-decisions-made/2013-decision-archive/regulatory-instruments-decision-making-and-statutory-officers/>

<http://www.northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/taking-action/making-decisions/archive-of-decisions-made/2013-decision-archive/regulatory-instruments-for-the-governance-of-the-police-service/2/>

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.

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

Robert Bates
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. Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF
Phone: 01625 545 700