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Our Reference: PJ/1002780

Samuel Monk
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21 November 2011

IPCC Contact:
Philip Johnston
Tel: 020 7166 3000

Dear Mr Monk,

Re YOUR REQUEST – FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (FOIA)

I refer to your e-mail of 24th October 2011 in which you make the following requests:

- 1. Annual number of dispensations requests by each force in the following years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 (please provide an individual number for each force)*
- 2. Annual number of dispensations requests by each section of the Metropolitan police force in the following years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 (I understand the Met police is divided into 32 London Borough divisions)*
- 3. Annual number of dispensations granted by IPCC for each force in the following years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 (please provide an individual number for each force)*
- 4. Annual number of dispensations granted by the IPCC for each section of the Metropolitan police force in the following years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 (I understand the Met Police is divided into 32 London Borough divisions)*

Please find included with this letter two tables of data. One of these tables contains the data you have requested in respect of dispensation applications received by the IPCC for the period from 2006/07 to October 2011 while the other table sets out the data in respect of dispensation applications approved (i.e. granted) by the IPCC for the same period. A partial approval relates to a dispensation for which the complaint is made up of multiple parts and the grounds upon which the application has been made relates to only some of those parts.

As to questions 2 and 4, the IPCC does not hold information about the London Boroughs to which the officers subject of these complaints are attached. This information is likely to be held by the Metropolitan Police. However, both tables also include dispensation data for each of the 4 Metropolitan Police Areas. The Boroughs that make up each of these Areas are as follows:

North East (NE): Barking & Dagenham, Enfield, Hackney, Havering, Newham, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest.

North West (NW): Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Haringey, Harrow, Hillingdon, Islington.

South East (SE): Bromley, Bexley, Croydon, Greenwich, Lambeth, Lewisham, Southwark.

South West (SW): Hammersmith & Fulham, Heathrow, Hounslow, Kensington & Chelsea, Kingston on Thames, Merton, Richmond upon Thames, Sutton, Wandsworth, Westminster.

If you are not satisfied with my response under FOIA you may request an independent internal review by our FOI review officer, who has had no involvement in dealing with your request. If you wish to complain about any aspect of this decision, please contact:

Amanda Kelly
Director of Business Services
Independent Police Complaints Commission
90 High Holborn
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All emails requesting a review should be sent **directly** to: amanda.kelly@ipcc.gsi.gov.uk

Should you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you will have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner; however, I should point out that under section 50(2)(a) of FOIA, you are normally obliged to exhaust the public authority's own internal complaint mechanism before complaining to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

Tom Bucke
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Independent Police Complaints Commission