

Dear Calderdale against Corruption

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**Internal Review reference: 20202700 - Freedom of Information Ref: 20202656**

Following your emails of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020, I accept that the contents of the emails constitute an appeal following an expression of dissatisfaction to the clarification email sent to you on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020. I am independent of the original decision making process.

**Emails received 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**

*Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.*

*We write to request an internal review of South Yorkshire Police's handling of the FOI request titled 'FOIs and SAR Volumes'.*

*Your clerk, appears to be ignorant as to what constitutes a valid request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, namely that she has requested a name from us.*

*As Calderdale Against Corruption is a not-for-profit organisation, our name is, self-evidently, "Calderdale Against Corruption", just like when The Guardian newspaper makes FOI requests under their brand name.*

AND

*We would like to take the opportunity to refer you to the ICO's guidance on valid requests, specifically paying attention to the fact that a requester can be an organisation, for which the "real name" of the requester is the name of the organisation.*

*"Remember that a request can be made in the name of an organisation" (see the following link under paragraph 2 of the "What makes a request valid?" section)*

*<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-freedom-of-information/receiving-a-request/>*

**Internal Review of the Clarification email**

I have reviewed the clarification and accept that the Decision Maker made an error by sending the clarification. The FOI team consists of 2 members of staff dealing with on average in excess of 110 requests per month (Taken from period 1.4.21 – 31.3.21) All FOI Decision makers undertake in house training and in normal times pre COVID have the opportunity to complete training given by the NPCC in Hampshire. In this instance the Decision Maker was a relatively new member of the FOI team and made an error. We apologise for the upset this may have caused, and can confirm guidance and links to training material has been provided as part of the on-going training given to all of our staff.

After taking all the above into consideration, your internal review is upheld.