



## ASSOCIATION OF CHIEF POLICE OFFICERS

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Dear Mr Adedeji

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: 000042/15**

The following request for information under the Freedom of Information Act was received by ACPO on the date listed above.

**Applicant Question:**

Please be so kind as to send me a copy of your guidance referred to in the following text:

22.12 Harassment

Guidance from the Association of Chief Police Officers notes that failure to deal with harassment may leave a victim or others at serious risk. It also states that legal case law now suggests that the police force may be subject to legal challenge under the Human Rights Act 1998, if it does not respond reasonably in trying to protect people.

Above extract from pg 249 of: - safeguarding adults at risk of harm: A legal guide for practitioners. Michael Mandelstam.

First published in Great Britain in December 2011 by the Social care Institute for Excellence.

**ACPO Acknowledgement:**

Your request will be considered in accordance with the legislation and you will receive a response within the statutory timescale of 20 working days, subject to the provisions of the Act. In the unlikely event that ACPO is unable to meet the 20 working day deadline, you will be informed as soon as possible and given a revised timescale for response.

To be accepted, any clarification(s) to your request must be submitted in writing directly to ACPO FOI.

If your request requires full or partial transference to another public authority, you will be informed. Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact Sherry Traquair on telephone number 02380 674255 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

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**Freedom of Information Officer & Decision Maker**

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