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Dear fFaudwAtch UK,

Thank you for your email received on 24 March 2016 regarding your request for information. I can confirm that this request has been processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

Your request was as follows:

I would like all recorded information (complaints for example) in relation to Humberside police refusing to record/investigate the crime where the incident reported has been perjury.

In response to your question:

As previously communicated to you on 26 February 2016, we do not hold information about all allegations reported by members of the public that forces fail to acknowledge.

The IPCC consider appeals against a force's failure to make a recording decision, against a decision to not record a complaint or that the Appropriate Authority receiving the complaint did not forward it to the correct/relevant Appropriate Authority.

Where we are the relevant appeal body, we also consider some appeals against the force's investigation or local resolution of a complaint, the decision to disapply/discontinue/dispense with a complaint and some applications from forces to disapply, discontinue or dispense with a complaint.

Further to that, we receive some complaints directly from members of the public, which are then forwarded to the relevant force and forces refer some complaints/incidents to us in order for us to decide on the mode of investigation (or otherwise) of them.

In all of the above circumstances, case factors are manually selected by operational staff to help identify the nature of the circumstances of a case.

We have identified that from 1 April 2004 to 3 April 2016, we received 2,246 cases involving Humberside Police. The IPCC used a case factor of 'Corruption' up until 30 April 2011 with the word Perjury added from 1 May 2011.

141 cases were recorded with the relevant case factors and/or one of the sub factors listed as follows:

- Abuse of authority (non-sexual)
- Abuse of powers for sexual gains
- Corruption – other
- Falsification of evidence/perjury
- Theft/fraud/drug supply
- Unauthorised disclosure/misuse of police systems

Of the 141 cases recorded:

- 24 were appeals against the outcome of an investigation into a complaint.
- 26 were appeals against the non recording of a complaint.
- 2 were other appeal types.
- 27 were applications for disapplication of a complaint or discontinuance of the investigation into a complaint.
- 39 were complaints received directly by the IPCC and forwarded to the appropriate authority.
- 23 cases were referred to us by Humberside Police.

From 1 April 2015, an additional case factor of 'Failure to Investigate' was introduced. Of the cases listed above, 6 contained this factor:

- 2 were complaints received directly by the IPCC and forwarded to the appropriate authority.
- 2 were appeals against the non recording of a complaint.
- 1 was another appeal type
- 1 case was referred to us by Humberside Police

Please note, a case could be counted in one or more of the above figures. This is because a case can be dealt with by the IPCC in different ways. For example, a direct complaint received by the IPCC could later be appealed.

As stated above, case factors are manually selected by operational staff to help identify the nature of the circumstances of a case they should not be relied on to provide definitive data as application of case factors is reliant on individual discretion. A factor selected on a case involving a complaint may be relevant to the incident to which the complaint relates but may not be what the complaint itself is about.

I trust you will find this information useful. More information about the role of the IPCC can be found in the IPCC Annual Report 2014/15. This can be found on the IPCC website using the following link: <http://www.ipcc.gov.uk/page/annual-report-and-plans>

If you are not satisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review by our FOI appeals officer, who has had no involvement in dealing with your request.

If you wish to complain about any aspect of this decision, please contact:

Internal Reviewer

Independent Police Complaints Commission

90 High Holborn

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All emails requesting a review should be sent directly to: foi@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 the Freedom of Information Act, you are normally obliged to exhaust the IPCC's own internal complaint mechanism before complaining to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Walton' followed by a stylized flourish.

Thea Walton

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