

# Thames Valley Police Chief Constable Francis Habgood QPM

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Dear Edward Williams,

I refer to your email dated 4<sup>th</sup> January requesting a review of our previous response to your FOI request.

I have concluded the review and do believe we have no choice but do collate your response and look at the burden dealing with your requests is having on our business function. As a result, believe that your approach is one that does engage the Section 12(4) (a) exemption and the factors under Section 14 are becoming more prevalent in your approach.

Our final response is therefore outlined below:-

## Request

#### **BACKGROUND**

https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/thames-valley-police-to-pay-8k-to-family-of-teen-racer-killed-

in-highspeed-pursuit-while-high-on-a4006471.html

- 1. How much is your bill for legal fees.
- 2. How much have you been ordered to pay for the other side's legal fees?
- 3. Provide all video of the crash.
- 4. Provide PSD/IOPC report.

## Response

This request is being refused under **Section 12(4)(a)** of the FOIA; in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority, by one person.

Section 12 of the FOIA allows that public authorities do not have to comply with section 1(1) of the Act if the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this request.



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Thames Valley Police have received nine requests from you, containing a number of questions concerning similar subjects; professional standards and police misconduct and we are unable to continue to dedicate any further resources to dealing with your requests.

As outlined above, we still believe that a warning under **Section 14** of the legislation is appropriate.

The Freedom of Information Act is a piece of legislation designed to give the public access to information held by public authorities. It exists to make the decisions of those authorities transparent and to keep the populace better informed regarding matters which affect them, whilst not publically revealing information about individuals, thereby breaching the right to privacy or causing harm to others.

Whilst giving maximum support to individuals genuinely seeking to exercise the right to know, the Commissioner's general approach will be sympathetic towards authorities where requests can be characterised as being part of a campaign and multiple requests of a similar nature have been received with no evidence that previous responses or exemptions engaged have been acknowledged by the applicant. Therefore with regard to this request we are including this warning under Section 14(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that any future requests relating to this subject area may attract this exemption.

If you remain dissatisfied you are entitled to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

Jason Russell Senior Public Access Manager