



Our Ref: 0966.2020-21  
Date: 21 April 2021

Civil Disclosure  
Joint Corporate Legal Services

Dear Applicant,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 0966.2020-21**

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by North Yorkshire Police on 20 February 2021. I note you seek access to the following information:

*1. I am writing to request information on media appearances by North Yorkshire Police (and preceding agencies) in a documentary style, such as but not limited to 'Road Wars', 'Police Interceptors', 'Brit Cops' etc, where a camera person(s) is deployed with police officers and are followed throughout their tour of duty. This is for the time period 2003 to present.*

*I would like to know;*

*Name of production*

*Production Company*

*Policing Unit(s)/Investigation(s)/Operation(s) followed*

*Status of Unit (active/disbanded/reformed/reorganized)*

*2. I would also like to know the current stance on 2021 (ignoring COVID-19) for these types of shows to be filmed with North Yorkshire Police - are they encouraged? If encouraged, are you actively engaged in filming currently, and if so, what production? If not encouraged or banned, is there reasoning behind this, for example a negative experience/portrayal previously?*

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3. On a similar line, police forces used to sell dashcam footage as 'filler' in these documentary shows, between their own self shot material. Does North Yorkshire Police sell dashcam, or otherwise make them available?

#### Extent and Result of Searches to Locate Information

To locate the information relevant to your request searches were conducted within North Yorkshire Police.

I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by North Yorkshire Police.

#### Decision

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you.

1. Please note your question regarding dates from 2003 to present would result in excess cost rendering the whole of the request invalid. We are able to retrieve information from 2011 to present within cost limits. As a gesture of good will, on this occasion, I have disclosed this information below.

Documentaries from 2011					
Title	Date	Production company	Police unit	Unit still in place	Channel
Crimewatch and Crimewatch Roadshow	Ongoing as and when an investigation would benefit from a wider appeal	BBC	All	Yes	BBC1
Emergency Bikers	2011 – 2014	RDF TV	Roads policing motorcycle section	Yes	C5
Traffic Cops	2013 - 2019	Mentorn	Regional Road Crime/ NYP Road Crime Team /Operational Support Unit and Roads Policing Unit	Yes, except for the regional team. Road crime team re-named but do same job	BBC1, BBC3, and C5
Secrets of the Shoplifters	2015	RDF TV	York City Neighbourhood Policing Team – one-off episode	Yes	Channel 4
Caught red-handed	2013, 2015, 2021	Topical TV	Short-form - Various teams, short pieces about individual incidents		BBC1
The peanut problem	2019	Netflix	CID (landmark court case)	Yes	Netflix
Dog Detectives	2018	ScreenChannel TV	Dog section	Yes	Quest Red
Ill-gotten Gains	2020	DSP TV	Short-form - National Crime	yes	BBC1

			Agency and Organised Crime Unit		
Police Code Zero	2020	Reef TV	Short-form – interviews with Individual officers who have been assaulted	Yes	C5
The Shift: Women on the Force	2020 in production	Lambent/Harbar8	All departments	Yes	UKTV W

2. Please see the above in relation to current filming. No information held further.

3. North Yorkshire Police may provide footage to help put a scene into context or to assist a producer in telling a story if there is a gap. However, this is not automatic and there are many conditions that will influence our decision to release any footage. We do not “sell footage”. If the request is ad-hoc and does not fall under the CPS media protocol, has not been released already, or is not part of an existing documentary, we may ask for a donation due to the time taken to locate, edit, and process the video, and the time taken to carry out the necessary checks with investigators, victims, witnesses and stakeholders.

Please note that systems used for recording information are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted therefore that this force’s response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other responses you may receive.

#### **Complaint Rights**

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet which details your right of complaint.

If you have any queries concerning this request, please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

Sam Allon  
Legal Officer (Civil Disclosure)  
Joint Corporate Legal Services

## **COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to request that North Yorkshire Police review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again –

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

### **Complaint**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision North Yorkshire Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information you can lodge a complaint with North Yorkshire Police to have the decision reviewed. North Yorkshire Police must be notified of your intention to complain within 2 months of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

Force Solicitor and Head of Legal Services  
North Yorkshire Police  
Alverton Court  
Crosby Road  
Northallerton  
North Yorkshire  
DL6 1BF

In all possible circumstances North Yorkshire Police will aim to respond to your complaint as soon as practicable but within 20 working days.

### **The Information Commissioner**

After lodging a complaint with North Yorkshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk> Alternatively, phone: 0303 123 1113 or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
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