

Our Ref: 517.2016-17

Your Ref:

Date: 29 September 2016

Neil Wilby:
request-355934-76bbe86e@whatdotheyknow.com



Police and Crime
Commissioner
North Yorkshire



Dear Mr Wilby,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REF NO: 517.2016-17

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by North Yorkshire Police on 2 September 2016. I note you seek access to the following information:

Between 1st July, 2016 and 1st September 2016

- (i) How many FOIA requests were due for finalisation (within the statutory 20 working day period) ?*
- (ii) How many were finalised in a compliant manner?*
- (iii) How many were non-compliant?*
- (iv) How many FOIA request internal reviews were due for finalisation (within the 20 working day period) ?*
- (v) How many were finalised in a compliant manner?*
- (vi) How many were non-compliant? That is to say still not finalised at 1st September, 2016.*

Please provide in all cases:

- (vii) The NYP FOI file reference for the request/internal review falling due for finalisation in the period between 1st July, 2016 and 1st September 2016*
- (viii) The date the request, internal review was submitted to NYP*
- (ix) The date the request, internal review was finalised by NYP*

Decision

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 14 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) I have decided to refuse your request, as it has been deemed 'vexatious'. Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the request is vexatious, and no public interest test is required.

Reasons for Decision

I have not provided detail in relation to the reasons for this decision, as to do so would release personal information on to a public forum. If you do require this detail, please provide a personal email or correspondence address and I will be happy to send you a fuller response.

Pursuant to Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

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

Ashley Malone
Police Lawyer (Civil Disclosure)

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 require the North Yorkshire Police to 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 of the North Yorkshire Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information you can lodge a complaint with the 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
Newby Wiske Hall
Northallerton
North Yorkshire
DL7 9HA

In all possible circumstances the 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 the 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 www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk. Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF
Phone: 01625 545 700