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Our Ref: F -740-2011

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Mr. George Cant
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Dear Mr Cant

INTERNAL REVIEW – F 740 -2011

With reference to your request for internal review in relation to 'Number of known breaches of protocol in relation to child safety matters after the Bichard enquiry'.

I can confirm that an internal review has been conducted and that I am satisfied that s12 is applicable. The original decision is upheld.

Whilst Humberside Police is not aware of any known breaches where we were asked to undertake a police safety check or where required to check all police databases, to answer this in full would exceed the appropriate limit.

Any information as requested would only be recorded on each child protection referral record, thus meaning that each record would have to be checked to ensure that each referral was dealt with appropriately.

As per our previous correspondence in 2010 we have 14568 records on the Child Protection database for 2010 alone. I estimate on the basis of 10 minutes to manually check each of these records and cross refer with other data to ensure checks were carried out appropriately, it would take in excess of 18 hours to conduct checks for a months periods of referrals.

Sec 12 states S1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with sec 17(5) of the Act this represents a refusal notice for your request.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me, or alternatively if you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal complaints procedure then you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office. Their details are Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, telephone 01625 545 700, email casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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Humberside Police – Freedom of Information Complaints Review Procedure

Why Have A Complaints Process?

Humberside Police is committed to delivering an open and transparent service whenever possible and it is our intention to commit to the principles of openness embodied in the Freedom of Information Act. We will release information to the greatest extent possible, consistent with the public interest, however we may withhold information if we consider its release would cause significant harm.

If information within a document is withheld, it will be clearly marked to show where information has been removed and the legal exemption we have used. If we decline to supply all or part of any information you have asked for we will notify you in writing giving our reasons based upon legal exemptions contained within the Freedom of Information Act.

If you are not satisfied about the way in which your Freedom of Information request has been handled you have the right to appeal. This information has been designed to help you to understand how to complain to Humberside Police. Using this process will not affect your right to complain directly to the Information Commissioner if you feel we have not complied with our obligations under the Freedom of Information Act.

Who Can Complain?

Anyone who has made a Freedom of Information request in writing to the Force can complain. If you have requested information and you are not satisfied with the way we have dealt with it, you can use the complaints process to have it looked at again. If someone who requested information would like to complain but cannot do so themselves, you can complain on their behalf but it will help us if you make it clear that you are doing so.

What Can I Complain About?

If you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your request, with the fee we have charged, or with the reasons we have given for refusing to provide information, you have the right to appeal. You can complain about the range, amount and format of information we have sent following a request. You can also complain about the way a request was handled, for example, the time it took to respond.

How Do I Complain?

To deal with your complaint as quickly as possible, it will help if you can give us as much information as you can about the original request made and the reason for your complaint. Please put your complaint in writing and address it to:

FOI Appeals

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What Happens To My Complaint?

Once we have enough details to identify the request, we will begin the review. The Head of The Information Compliance Unit will normally review your complaint. In the more complex cases a review panel consisting of a number of senior personnel from the Force will re-examine your complaint. We aim to complete the review process within 20 days of receiving your complaint. Upon completion we will send you the findings.

How Will I Be Notified?

Where we have not followed procedures or have failed to provide acceptable quality of service, we will apologise and explain what we will do to ensure this doesn't happen again. If our original decision to withhold information is over-turned on appeal we will send you the additional information immediately. If we believe that our original response was correct we will let you know, and inform you of your options (see below).

What If I'm Still Not Satisfied?

If we have been unable to resolve your complaint and you are not satisfied you can approach the office of the Information Commissioner, who may investigate the matter on your behalf. This option is open to you at all times, but we will endeavour to address your complaint initially, as this may lead to a speedier resolution. It is the Information Commissioner who decides whether to investigate or not. We will co-operate fully with the Information Commissioner.

If you have any further questions about the complaints process, please contact the Information Compliance Unit on 01482 317097 or alternatively you can write to:

Head of Information Compliance Unit
Humberside Police Headquarters
Priory Road
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Email: Informationcomplianceunit@humberside.pnn.police.uk

Requests for a review by the Information Commissioner should be made in writing directly to:

The Information Commissioner
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Water Lane
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