

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 June 2016 12:02
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: HPRM: Operation Kalmia - response to FOIA request to IPCC [IPCC request ref 1005889]

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to your email to Rebecca, here are our letters responding to this request. The response was split into two parts owing to delays in answering some of the questions.

All of the correspondence relating to this request is available on line at
https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/operation_kalmia_2

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Senior Advisor, Freedom of Information & Data Protection
Directorate of Resources

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent: 21 June 2016 12:37

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Operation Kalmia

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for forwarding me Ms Sarah Green's letter of 20 June 2016 from which I note the IPCC's position on the disclosure of the Costello Report. I would be grateful to receive a copy of your FOI decision once this has been finalised.

Yours sincerely

From: Sarah Green [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 03 June 2016 11:44
To: [REDACTED]@pnn.police.uk'
Cc: [REDACTED] Phil Johnston
Subject: HPRM: Re: Kalmia

Hello

Thank you for your email regarding a FOI request for the Management Review document. We will consider and revert to you as soon as possible.

Redacted
as not
relevant to
request

Many thanks

Kind regards

Sarah

Sarah Green
Deputy Chair, IPCC

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From: [REDACTED]@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk'
Sent: 27 May 2016 17:06
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI request re Op Kalmia

Dear Madam

Please find attached my letter to Ms Sarah Green.

[ATTACHMENT: LETTER OF 27/5 TO IPCC]

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Solicitor

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By email to:

20 June 2016

Dear Sir or Madam,

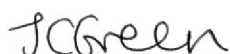
Operation Kalmia

Thank you for your letter received by email on 27 May 2016 regarding the Freedom of Information (FOI) request that the force has received asking for a copy of the Costello report..

It may assist you to know that the IPCC has received a request for the same report and has decided to refuse it. While we have yet to confirm our decision to the requester, it is our intention to refuse to comply with the request in reference to the exemptions under section 23(5), section 31(1)(a) and (b), section 30(3), section 38(1)(b) and section 40(2) of the FOIA. I would be happy to share a copy of the relevant sections of the decision once finalised if this would assist.

The IPCC is not proposing to publish the Costello report.

Yours sincerely,



Sarah Green
Deputy Chair, IPCC
Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC)



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Date: 27 May 2016

By email to [\[REDACTED\]@ipcc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ipcc.gsi.gov.uk)

Dear Ms Green

Operation Kalmia

I am advising Deputy Chief Constable Nick Baker regarding a request received by the Force under the Freedom of Information Act. The request seeks a copy of the Management Review of the Staffordshire Police Sensitive Policing Unit (also known as the Costello Report) which was amongst the documents supplied to Mr Baker by the Operation Kalmia team under a Document Handling Agreement. Under the Agreement, Mr Baker is not permitted to disseminate further or disclose the documents he received without the written agreement of the IPCC.

Can you please therefore confirm that the IPCC agree to the disclosure of the Costello Report to the extent that this is necessary under the FOI. I am also aware that the IPCC are intending to publish a copy of its investigation report this summer. Can you please advise as to whether the IPCC are also intending to publish the Costello Report? If this is the case, the release of Costello Report may be exempt from disclosure under the FOI by the Force on that basis.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Solicitor

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