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Dear Ms Laws,

Freedom of Information Reference: Our ref: FOI-20122/293965

Thank you for your correspondence received by my office on the 17 August 2012.

You have requested the following information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

Research shows that West Yorkshire Police are working jointly with the IFB in operation 'Thatcham'

What risk assessments have you performed of such involvement?

Will you share these risk assessments with the public?

Have you been subject to any complaints consequent to your involvement in activities with the Insurance Fraud Bureau?

The IFB website refers to a strategy to disrupt 'professional facilitators' ?

What is your involvement in, and understanding of, this strategy?

This strategy seems to ignore the need to prove dishonesty or criminal intent, is this correct?

Have you arrested, cautioned or charged any 'professional facilitators' such as solicitors, barristers, doctors, nurses or physiotherapists, at the behest of the IFB?

How much money has or is the IFB paying West yorkshire police for conducting operation Thatcham?

How many police officers have been transferred from routine duties in order to conduct operation Thatcham for the IFB?

Your request will now be considered and you will receive a response within the statutory timescale of 20 working days as defined by the Act, subject to the information not being exempt. In some circumstances West Yorkshire Police may be unable to achieve this deadline. If this is likely you will be informed at the earliest opportunity. If you no longer require the information, please inform us at your earliest convenience.

The information supplied in connection with this application will be used for the purpose of the administering of this request and to ensure the accuracy of Police systems.

Yours sincerely,

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Freedom of Information Project Officer

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Steven Harding
Head of Information Management

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