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Dear Ms Laws

FOI Reference No: FOI-20122/293965

I write in connection with your request received by our department on 17 August 2012

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?

I acknowledge the fact that you would like an internal review of your response. In all possible circumstances West Yorkshire Police will aim to respond to your complaint within 20 working days.

Please Note that the Head of Department, Mr Steve Harding, will be dealing with your appeal.

Yours sincerely,

Gemma Burton
Freedom of Information Project Officer