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Paul Ponting

Sent via email to: request-417122-e8f58f53@whatdotheyknow.com

Date: 7th August 2017

Dear Paul Ponting

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION REFERENCE NO: ICDS/FOI/003711/17

Thank you for your request for information received by Lancashire Constabulary on 10/07/2017 which was as follows:

I am requesting information to police officers who are Freemasons.

I would like to know the number of officers who are Freemasons, please can you provide these number for the past 5 years.

If the FOI allows, please can you provide a list of Police Officers by name, rank and collar number as well as the lodge they are associated.

If the names cannot be divulged, then a list just by rank and lodge.

Your request has now been considered and the information you are seeking cannot be provided at this time:

Please be advised that there is no requirement for an officer to notify the Force if they are a Freemason as this membership is not a declarable interest.

I can therefore confirm that Lancashire Constabulary does not hold the requested information. This matter relates to the private lives of individuals and would most likely be classed as personal information if it were held.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request an internal review of our decision, you should write to the Information Assurance Manager, Information Compliance and Disclosure Section, Police Headquarters, Saunders Lane, Hutton, Preston PR4 5SB or alternatively send an email to information@lancashire.pnn.police.uk. Details of the Constabulary's Freedom of Information Complaint Procedures can be found attached to this email.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Lancashire Constabulary. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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