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Your Ref:
Our Ref:F-2015-01719

7 December 2016

Dear Mr. Gilliatt

FREEDOM of INFORMATION ACT 2000 Reference No: F-2015-01719

Thank you for your request for information, received at this office on 10 June 2016, in which you requested details of the following:

*Dear Humberside Police,
Appeal Assessment – Ref: HAB/LSU/45/20383/AS (8 June 2016)
<https://www.scribd.com/doc/315332181/App...>*

See quote from Assessment:

"The person who passed the advice to the complainant would not be subject to disciplinary or criminal proceedings as a result and therefore the appropriate authority was correct in deciding that the complaint was suitable for local resolution."

The above implies that the person whom the complaint revolved around was not the person who incorrectly made the decision, i.e., the person potentially subject to a criminal conviction.

Q 1. Who was the person that made the incorrect decision if not the person who passed the advice to the complainant?

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Paragraph 3(b) under header, "BACKGROUND TO THE APPEAL"

" Have representations been received? N/A "

The above implies that the complainant did not submit representations despite a substantial amount forwarded to Humberside police.

Q 2. Please disclose all representations that were considered in the Appeal Assessment.





The complaint was dealt with and you were updated accordingly. I will just clarify that the question you raise re representations received on the form is solely in relation to the appeal been received in time as it was (b) was Not Applicable.

3. (a) Is the appeal in time? **Yes**

(b) Have representations been received? **N/A**

(c) Are the circumstances in which the appeal was made sufficiently special to allow the appeal? **N/A**

I can confirm that this request has been considered and determined that it falls within s14(1) vexatious requests as the complaint is concerning the subject matter of which you have received previous warning and refusals under s14 in 2014, 2015 and the most recent correspondence 29 November 2016 quoting s17(6) with regard to related requests.

I apologise for the length of time taken to provide response, this was considered by a caseworker and deemed vexatious therefore a response was not provided.

This request is now closed.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A. Clement
Senior Information Compliance Officer





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.

How Long Do I have to Raise A Complaint?

Once we have responded to your Freedom of Information Request you will have 40 working days in which to raise your complaint.

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

[Humberside Police Information Compliance Unit](#)

Police Headquarters

Priory Road

Hull HU5 5SF





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 working 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 578039 or alternatively you can write to:

Head of Information Compliance Unit
Humberside Police Headquarters
Priory Road
Hull HU5 5SF
Email: informationcomplianceunit@humberside.pnn.police.uk

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

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Phone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

