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Dear Will Scott

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20202000

REQUEST

Please will you supply me with a copy of your policy on single crewing police officers.

RESPONSE

I approached each of the Business Managers for our 4 districts (Sheffield, Rotherham, Barnsley and Doncaster) who advised at district there is no policy on this subject.

I also approached Operational Support Unit (OSU) & Roads Policing Lead, he has provided the following from the RPG Patrol Strategy:

3.3 Crewing

Officers are expected to be single crewed for the majority of the patrol time. The exception to this norm is for motorway patrol (see 2.1.3).

The presumption for crewing on an evening and night shift will be to double crew cars between 10pm and 7am. This is to be risk assessed based on locality, staffing numbers and other resources/vehicles by the Sergeant during shift briefing.

RPG Sergeants are reminded that it is their responsibility to justify deployments outside of the above guidance. If single crewing is implemented supervisors have a responsibility to monitor the incidents their officers are attending, dynamically risk assessing them and intervening if they feel additional officers/resources are required to attend.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by following the advice contained in the separate notice enclosed with this correspondence:

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:
The Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Telephone: 08456 306060 or 01625 545745
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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South Yorkshire Police provides you the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure (copy enclosed). If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Constabulary's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

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Appeal Process for Freedom of Information

Using this process will not affect your right to appeal directly to the Information Commissioner. However, it will usually be quicker if matters can be resolved locally using this process.

Who can appeal?

Anyone who has requested information from the Force in writing can appeal within 20 working days. If you have requested information and you are not satisfied with the way we have dealt with your request, you can use the appeal process to have it looked at again. If

someone who requested information would like to appeal but cannot do so themselves you can appeal on their behalf, but it will help us if you make it clear that you are doing so.

What can I appeal about?

You can appeal about the range, amount and format of information we have sent following a request. You can also appeal about the way a request was handled – for example, the time it took to respond, or the way letters were worded.

How do I appeal?

You can appeal by writing/ emailing your appeal/complaint to the address below. To deal with your appeal as quickly as possible, it will help if you can give us as much information as you can about the request made, such as the reference number, and the reason for your appeal/ complaint.

What happens to my appeal?

Once we have enough details to identify the request you are concerned about, a qualified person, other than the initial decision maker, will deal with the internal review.

How long does it take?

Whatever their conclusion, you will be informed of the result as soon as possible, and in any case within 20 days of submitting your appeal.

If you are still not satisfied, you may then appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Appeal Address

**Information Compliance Unit South Yorkshire Police Professional Standards
Department Unit 20 Sheffield 35A Business Park Churchill Way Sheffield S35 2PY**

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