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Date: 17 April 2015
Our Ref: FOI 15/03/360

Dear S Prichard,

Freedom of Information Request 15/03/360

I write in response to your application under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) received on 28 March 2015 relating to alleged criminal behaviour on the part of professionals acting in family court proceedings for the past three years.

Subsequent correspondence sought to clarify your request for the purpose of validity under the Act and seeking to narrow its scope to bring it within the statutory appropriate limit. While the focus of your request relates to reports to the police by parents of professionals misleading the court by tampering with evidence, it was explained that the level of detail requested could not be retrieved by means of an automated search but the number of specified notifiable offences could be retrieved automatically.

By email dated 5 April, you requested the following.

...to simplify our request, please list crimes reported against an authority on any person acting within it in a professional compatibility using search terms that you may use i.e perverting the course of justice. (sic)

The number of notifiable offences recorded by Kent Police of (i) perverting the course of justice and (ii) misconduct in public office over the past three complete financial years is 427. To the extent that you seek the number of those specifically relating to parents complaining of professionals' conduct in family court proceedings, Kent Police is not obliged to comply with your request by virtue of s.12 of the FOIA for the reasons previously stated.

Thank you for your interest in Kent Police. If you have any queries about your request or the application of the FOIA in general, please contact this office quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Giovanni Cacciaccaro

Your right to complain

We take our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act seriously but, if you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to complain. We will conduct an internal review to investigate the matter and endeavour to reply within 20 working days. If your appeal concerns the decision to apply an exemption, it would assist the review if you would outline why you believe the exemption does not apply.

You may lodge your complaint by writing to:

Freedom of Information
Kent Police Headquarters
Sutton Road,
Maidstone
Kent
ME15 9BZ

Or by e-mailing freedomofinformation@kent.pnn.police.uk

If you are still dissatisfied following our internal review, you have the right under section 50 of the Act to complain directly to the Information Commissioner. Before considering your complaint, the Information Commissioner would normally expect you to have exhausted the complaints procedures provided by Kent Police.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

FOI Compliance Team (complaints)
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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