



# WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

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Friday, 01 March 2013

Dear Ms Rowe

FOI Reference No: Our ref: FOI-20122/303816

Thank you for your request for information received by West Yorkshire Police on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012

You requested the following information. Your request is in blue font and our response is in black font:

As part of my ongoing research I am looking at unsolved murders of prostitutes in Bradford. I hereby request information about any instances of unsolved murder of prostitutes in Bradford between 1990 and 2012.

a) the numbers of such cases within the above time frame;

There are two unsolved murders of prostitutes in the Bradford area between 1990 and 2012

b) the names of the victims;

The victims are Yvonne Fitt and Rebecca Hall.

c) the ages of the victims and

Yvonne Fitt was aged 33 and Rebecca Hall was aged 19

d) where the bodies were found.

Yvonne Fitt's body was found at Norwood Edge, North Yorkshire. Rebecca Hall's body was found at Thornton Street in Bradford.

The review of murder cases is an ongoing process. Police Forces providing information do not use generic systems, nor are the procedures used for capturing the data the same. West Yorkshire Polices data collection systems are robust and we are confident that all offences of homicide are recorded. A safeguard exists where Home Office records are used to double check that the data is correct. It should be noted that for these reasons this forces response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

Please accept our apologies of the delay in dealing with your request.

## COMPLAINT RIGHTS

If you are not satisfied with how this request has been handled or with the information provided, please read the advice notice attached to this letter. If you do wish to take up your right of complaint, please remember to quote the reference number above in any future correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Information Management

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## COMPLAINT RIGHTS

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### 1. Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to request that West Yorkshire Police review their decision. Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

### 2. Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter. That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

### 3. Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of West Yorkshire Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a written complaint to have the decision internally reviewed.

A West Yorkshire Police internal review of your decision will be carried out by a senior member of staff, who is fully trained in interpreting Freedom of Information legislation, yet is independent with regards to the original decision made, i.e. has never previously been involved with your request.

Complaints will only be treated as valid if they are received by West Yorkshire Police within a 60 day timeframe from the date of the decision letter. They must include the original FOI Reference Number and can only be submitted in writing by using the following contact details:

[foi@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

or

West Yorkshire Police  
FOI Internal Reviews  
PO Box 9  
Laburnum Road  
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In all possible circumstances West Yorkshire Police will aim to complete and respond to your internal review within 20 working days; however this date may be extendable in exceptional circumstances by another 20 working days.

### 4. The Information Commissioner

If you are still dissatisfied with the internal review decision made by West Yorkshire Police, you may then make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Alternatively, you can phone their helpline or write to them at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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FOI Help Line: 0303 1231113