

5 December 2012

Thank you for your letter dated 26 November 2012 in which you seek a review to the response to your Freedom of Information request regarding lump sum payments to ex Chief Constable Price. I have reviewed the Freedom of Information response that was sent to you from Mr John Bage dated 23 November 2012.

In your letter dated 26 November 2012 you stated;

*".....I find it difficult to understand why under the Freedom of Information that they are unwilling to give me the information I asked about especially when they say they hold this information."*

Carrying out this review I am advised that during the 2012/13 financial year the lawfulness of additional payments to Chief Officers was reviewed by the Police Authority in conjunction with the Audit Commission (now Mazars). It was concluded that the Police Authority did not have the power to make lump sum payments and as such Mr Price was not entitled to any payments and therefore on exit from the Authority a lump sum was not paid to Mr Price.

In your commentary above, you state that we are "*unwilling to provide you with the information you requested*". In Mr Bage's letter to you, he indicated that we do hold such information; this is true, we do hold the information. The information we hold is that Mr Price was 'not entitled' to any lump sum payments. This is what was provided to you in Mr Bage's letter, but I am sorry if it was not made as clear as it could have been.

You will understand that I must uphold Mr Bage's response to you as being a correct response to your request, albeit one that could have been more clear.

You may wish to contact the Audit Commission (Mazars) to confirm such. The contact address for them is at the bottom of this letter.

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 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45 Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully,

Ed Chicken  
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