

21 December 2012

I write following your FOI request dated 22. 11 .12 in which you request;

I would like to ask for some more information on the CPS deciding there would be no prosecution on the matters relating to Sean Price that allowed the matters to go ahead for a disciplinary hearing. Specifically, I would like to confirm how many matters - of those identified in the IPCC report and referred to in various public statements by Cleveland PA - were actually ever referred to the CPS at all? My understanding is it is very few.

Separately, I would like to ask for some information on the contract and payments to Combi UK. I would like to know when the contract began and the basis on which it began, ie any tendering process that was completed, what this involved, who made the decision and when, or details of any alternative arrangements to tendering. I would like to know how much has been paid in each year since the contract began and on what basis these payments were made, ie was it a set payment or some other arrangement. Finally, I would like to know whether payments continue to be made to Combi UK and, if so, on what basis, ie is this the same original contract or some other arrangement. If it is some other arrangement, please provide details as above.

This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Regarding your request I can now inform you that I have completed my enquiries and that my reply on behalf of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland is as follows.

I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland do not hold this information.

The first paragraph of your email concerning the queries about referral to the CPS should be responded to by the IPCC as it was they who referred the Sacristy investigator's report to the CPS before it was forwarded to the Police Authority. I am forwarding the request to them asking if they will respond to you.

The second and third paragraphs of your email relating to information on the contract and payments to Combi is information held by the Force – therefore they need to respond to this. Again I am forwarding this to the Force.

I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland has a complaints procedure.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

Chief of Staff
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland
Police Headquarters
Ladgate Lane
Middlesbrough
TS8 9EH

or you can follow the complaints procedure found on our website at:

www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk

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

There is no charge for making an appeal.

John Bage

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland