

4th December 2013

I write following your FOI request dated 11.11.13 in which you request;

I would like to know the following in relation to the existence of a memorandum of understanding between the Police and Crime Commissioner and the prison service/local prison governor:

- a. Does the Commissioner have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the prison service or your local prison governor, which defines
 - i. what an "assault on a prison officer" is and
 - ii. the types of incidents suitable for prosecution?

Please note, if this document is not known as a "memorandum of understanding", please provide details of whatever document you have which defines what an "assault on a prison officer" is and the incidents deemed suitable for prosecution.

- b. If a MOU or other similar document exists, please provide a copy of the actual document by email.
- c. If a MOU is not held by the Police and Crime Commissioner's office, I would be grateful if you would advise me who is now responsible for these. I understand these agreements were previously held by the Police Authorities.

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 does not hold this information.

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.

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