

21<sup>st</sup> June 2013

Dear Madam,

I write following your FOI request dated 22.5.13 in which you request;

*Dear Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner,*

*Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 please could you supply the following information within 20 working days:*

*These questions apply from 2001 until present and applies to your/this police force's jurisdiction. Preferred format would be a breakdown down by school and year if possible*

- 1) Please advise how many schools had computer hardware and software stolen.*
- 2) Please advise if any of the computer hardware and software stolen had children's or teacher's biometric data on.*
- 3) In relation to question 2 please could you advise if any of the computer hardware and software that has been stolen has ever been recovered?*
- 4) Apart from theft, is this police force aware of any biometric systems in schools being compromised?*
- 5) Does your force report any biometric data stolen to any government department? If so please advise which one.*
- 6) Has this police force ever requested or had access to a school biometric database and please advise whether requests were successfully granted or not.*
- 7) With regards to question 6, from the school biometric databases accessed please advise if:
  - i) Any biometric data was added to the police database*
  - ii) Was the schools biometric data system easily inter-operable with the police database?**
- 8) Was any conviction successful as a result of data obtained from a school biometric database?*

*If you need further clarification, please contact me by email. My preferred format to receive the information is electronically, but I can accept hard copies.*

*Some parts of this request may be easier to answer than others and in such case please could you release available data as soon as possible rather than delay the entire request.*

*If the costs of processing this request exceed the limit in the Act, please advise on what information you are able to supply within the cost limit.*

*I look forward to your response within 20 working days, as outlined by the statute.*

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.

In refusing your request there is a duty placed upon me to assist you where possible in ascertaining where you may find the information. In this instance you may find your information at Cleveland Police.

They may be contacted via their web link at [www.cleveland.police.uk](http://www.cleveland.police.uk)

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](http://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](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

There is no charge for making an appeal.

John Bage  
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland