

20 February 2014

I write following your FOI request dated 22.1.14 in which you request;

*"I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please treat each of these questions as separate FOI requests, they are grouped together in one email simply for convenience. If you think someone else needs to answer this query rather than yourself then under the FOI act I give permission for you to forward this on without contacting me first. Please copy me in to the forwarded message though.*

- 1. How many females were charged with drug related offences between and including the financial years 2003/4 and 2012/13, disaggregated by financial year? Please breakdown for the different drug offences.*
- 2. How many females were charged with firearm offences between and including the financial year 2003/4 and 2012/13, disaggregated by financial year? Please breakdown for the different firearms offences.*
- 3. Please can you let me know (most recent figures) the total number of police officers working specifically on tackling gangs in your police force, please include a split for whether these officers are male or female.*
- 4. Do you have an official procedure for when a gang member self-refers in an attempt to leave a gang? If so, could you provide the details of this procedure?*
- 5. Please can you provide for all the financial years from 2002/3 to 2011/12 the number of stop and searches by your police force (please include under section 1, Section 60 and Section 23), with the following splits:*
  - a. Gender of person being searched*
  - b. Whether the person being searched was a juvenile (under 18 years old)*
  - c. Reason for the search*
  - d. Number of arrests made by reason of arrest*
  - e. Gender of the police officer undertaking the search*
  - f. Self-defined ethnicity of the person being searched**If you cannot include all of these splits, please include as many as you can. Please prioritise the split on the 'gender of person being searched'.*

*If fulfilling this request will exceed the cost limit set out in the Freedom of Information Act then I would ask that you please contact me and allow me to modify my request so that it will fall under the cost limits. Thank you very much for your help in fulfilling my request, I look forward to hearing from you."*

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

With reference to your FOI request and in particular the first paragraph. May I respectfully inform you that although your request involved five questions and although you ask that they be dealt with as five separate requests, they would not be treated so. Your communication will be considered as one FOI request, and as such would be subject to, and may fall under Sections 9, 12 and 13 which consider the Use of the Fees Regulations (viz time constraints amongst others).

However 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.

However, s16 of the FOIA informs that it is good practice for an organisation to provide, where it can, advice and assistance to requesters where such information may be found. In this case may I suggest that you contact Cleveland Police who may hold the information you seek. May I suggest <http://www.cleveland.police.uk/> to assist you.

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