

4<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

I write following your FOI request dated 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014 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.*

*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.*

*For the years 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 please could you provide the following:*

1. *The number of crimes recorded by your police force, split by basic postcode data*
2. *The number of cannabis warnings given out by your police force, split by the age of the offender and the basic post-code details of where the offence occurred*
3. *The number of drug seizures for (a) class A drugs (b) class B drugs and (c) class C drugs, split by basic postcode data*

*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.

The name provided via the e-mail receipt from you states your name is Ed Ed.

Section 8 of the Freedom of Information Act informs what constitutes a valid FOI request. It states

“In this Act any reference to a “request for information” is a reference to such a request which –

- (a) is in writing
- (b) states the name of the applicant and an address for correspondence, and
- (c) describes the information requested”

Therefore, a request for information has to include the name of the applicant for it to be a valid request for information.

I do not accept that on this occasion the name provided Ed Ed is a valid name and as such I am refusing this request.

However Section 16 of the FOIA informs that I should provide advice and assistance to the requester as to how to request a valid request for information. In this case I would be pleased if you would provide a valid name so that your request for information may be considered.

Further, having read your request it would appear to me that the content of your request is likely to fall under recorded information held by Cleveland Police and not the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, and as such I would suggest that you consider to direct your valid request to them.

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:

Mr Len Miller  
Solicitor  
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 Manager**