

13th October 2016

I write following your FOI request in which you request:

*On your website it states that, up to 2015, there are three complaints made against PCC Barry Copping since his election in 2012.
Could you please disclose how many complaints have been made against him in total since he took office, including complaints since that last update in 2015.
Could you please disclose the full nature of these complaints in the exact same form as they were submitted?
Please redact the name of the complainant as to not breach privacy.
Could you please disclose when these complaints were addressed, and the outcome of them (I.E upheld, NFA etc)*

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.

The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011 requires Police and Crime Commissioners to publish certain information to allow the public to hold them to account, hence the three complaints you refer to.

As part of the Specified Information Order, we are required by mandate to quote only the number of complaints against the PCC recorded by (and brought before) the Police & Crime Panel.

Any complaints against the Police and Crime Commissioner are dealt with by the Police and Crime Panel, who in this instance is led by Stockton Council. Your query should be directed to:

<https://www.stockton.gov.uk/community-safety/police-and-crime-panel/>

I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland has a FOI 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 Stephen Hodgson
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

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.